

Blame Game

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WASHINGTON/DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran and the United States on Monday blamed each other for the failure to reach agreement on a deal to limit Iran's uranium enrichment in exchange for an easing of Western sanctions.

In spite of the accusations, there was some diplomatic progress as Iran promised to offer more information and expanded access to U.N. nuclear inspectors — including more openings at a planned reactor and uranium site.



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry speaks at a news conference in Abu Dhabi, Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. (AP Photo/Jason Reed)

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Iranian envoys had backed away from a wider deal this week-end seeking to ease Western concerns that Tehran could one day develop atomic weapons. Iran's foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, countered by criticizing Kerry's remarks, telling an Iranian TV talk show that the American's "conflicting statements" damaged confidence in the process, adding that "considerable progress was made" in Geneva.

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President Barack Obama places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Monday, Nov. 11, 2013, during a Veterans Day ceremony.

(AP Photo/Pablo Monsivais)
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US provides \$20M emergency aid for Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The United States said Monday it is fully committed to helping the Philippines recover from one of the most powerful typhoons on record, and is providing \$20 million in immediate aid. The U.S. Agency for International Development said that aid will be used for provision of emergency shelter, food, relief commodities, and water and sanitation. Secretary of State John Kerry said Monday U.S. government assistance would help hundreds of

thousands of displaced Filipinos. Kerry said he assured Philippine Foreign Minister Albert del Rosario "of our full commitment to providing all necessary assistance." According to Kerry's statement, the U.S. military is providing logistical support for the distribution of relief supplies, and USAID is helping evaluate the damage from the typhoon. The State Department is also working to send American military veterans to the Philippines to help people recover from the storm.

Earlier Monday, a U.S. military plane carrying relief supplies and a contingent of Marines left the Philippine capital en route to the country's typhoon-devastated eastern seaboard. The C-130 left Manila's Vilamor air base loaded with bottled water, generators wrapped in plastic, a forklift and two trucks. It was the first American relief flight to the region, where thousands are feared dead and tens of thousands more homeless as a result of Friday's

typhoon. The flight was headed for Tacloban, a city badly hit by the storm and in desperate need of assistance. USAID said at the weekend it sent an emergency response team in and around Ormoc, the second-largest city in heavily affected Leyte Province. It found that 80 to 90 percent of housing in the city has been damaged or destroyed, and that debris and downed power lines continue to block road access to affected populations. □

US, Europe resume talks on trade pact

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BRUSSELS (AP) — The United States and the European Union sought Monday to get past a rough patch in diplomatic relations to resume talks on a free trade deal that would grow what is already the world's biggest business relationship. Negotiators for the Obama administration and the EU say an agreement would create jobs and boost growth in the two economies, which represent al-

for the trade talks to be frozen in response. Concerns over the talks also grew last week when a Belgian court accused the EU's top trade official of tax fraud. European Commission spokeswoman Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen assured reporters on Monday that Karel De Gucht's legal troubles "will not have any impact" on the talks. But both European and U.S. officials have said the benefits of the proposed Transatlantic Trade and

lantic. One European study has found that dealing with regulations and bureaucracy on the other side of the ocean can add 10 to 20 percent to the price of an imported item, like a car. TTIP could make it possible for a vehicle deemed safe for sale in Europe to be sold in the United States, or vice versa, without additional tests or adaptations being needed. According to a study co-sponsored by the Atlantic Council, a Washington-based think tank, TTIP could create as many as 750,000 jobs in the United States. The European Commission estimates it would inject 120 billion euros (\$161 billion) yearly into the economy of the 28-nation trade bloc, and lead to hundreds of thousands of new jobs. "The TTIP would be the cheapest stimulus package imaginable," the European Commission's Directorate-General for Trade said in a report.

Frances Burwell, the Atlantic Council's director of Transatlantic Relations and Education Programs, said that as well as administering a welcome jolt to the American and European economies, TTIP could establish health and safety rules that would become standard not just for America and Europe, but for China and other rising economic powers. "If you look forward, the U.S. and Europe in 20 years will be a smaller part of the global economy. We need to figure out ways to stay competitive," Burwell said in an interview. "And also we need to figure out ways to reinforce the rules that have helped us to be competitive and protect the safety and security of our citizens in terms of the goods they buy, the foods they eat." □



EU chief negotiator Ignacio Garcia Bercero, right, shakes hands with U.S. Assistant Trade Representative for Europe and the Middle East Daniel Mullaney, upon arrival at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. U.S. and European negotiating teams resumed talks Monday on what could become the biggest trade agreement in history: the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.
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most half of global output but are still not fully recovered from recession. The trade volume in goods and services between the two economies totaled 800 billion euros (\$1.08 trillion) last year. The negotiations, however, are taking place against the backdrop of European pique over reported U.S. electronic espionage of EU citizens, including high-profile leaders like Germany's Angela Merkel. The Greens in the European Parliament on Monday became the latest political group to call

Investment Partnership are too great to let other issues jeopardize them. The week-long bargaining session in Brussels, which was delayed due to the U.S. government shutdown, was expected to discuss services, investment, energy and raw materials, and regulatory issues. A deal could include a reduction in tariffs. But negotiators say the biggest boon, to business and consumers alike, could come from trimming the red tape that often makes it difficult to buy and sell across the At-

AROUND THE WORLD

Venezuela blocks access to website

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's government is blocking access to popular websites that track the value of the currency on the black market. Clients of some of Venezuela's biggest internet service providers were unable to access websites including www.dolartoday.com and www.tucadivi.com, one of Venezuela's most popular websites. President Nicolas Maduro on Saturday vowed to take down seven dollar-tracking websites he accused of spreading panic and fueling an opposition-led "economic war" against his government. In recent weeks, the value of the greenback on the black market has shot up to nine times its official value. □

Romania rejects Canadian gold mine

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — The Romanian government won't allow a Canadian company to develop what would have been Europe's biggest open gold mine, the prime minister said Monday, shortly before a parliamentary commission nixed a bill that would have permitted the project. The decisions were a boost to environmental advocates and come after 14 years of protest and debate about whether the foreign investment and the jobs that would have been created by the mine outweigh the costs to nature. Immediate reaction was muted, with just a few dozen anti-mine activists rallying outside Parliament. □

Gazprom agrees Serbia pipe stretch

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — The head of Gazprom and Serbia's prime minister have agreed the start of the construction of the Serbian stretch of the 'South Stream' pipeline meant to transport Russian natural gas to Europe by bypassing Ukraine. Gazprom CEO Alexey Miller and Ivica Dacic announced Monday the start of work on the Serbian section of the pipeline on Nov. 24. The complete trans-European pipeline is expected to start operating in December 2015. The pipeline is expected to ship up to 63 billion cubic meters (2 trillion cubic feet) of gas annually to Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, Slovenia, Austria and Italy in one leg and Croatia, Macedonia, Greece and Turkey in a second. □

Cuba hints flexibility on cinema ban

HAVANA (AP) — An opinion column in Cuban news media acknowledged Monday that recent bans on the sale of imported goods and private 3D cinemas have sparked significant debate, and hinted that authorities may reconsider the prohibition on movie theaters. The article said an informal survey of more than 150 people and reaction on social media found widespread disagreement over the bans. It said people accepted banning the sale of imported hardware by individuals, but were less supportive of a prohibition on independent sellers of imported clothing. Most people favored allowing the home movie theaters to keep operating, but with government regulations. □

Thai senate kills touchy amnesty bill

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's Senate defeated an amnesty bill on Monday that could have led to the return from exile of deposed former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, but opponents of the bill vowed to continue their protests against the government. The main opposition Democrat Party called for civil disobedience and a three-day nationwide strike beginning Wednesday in what has turned into a campaign to bring down the government led by Thaksin's sister, Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra. Critics say the amnesty bill was an attempt by the government to whitewash Thaksin's alleged crimes and pave the way for his return. □

4 US citizens dead in Bahamas plane crash

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Bahamas police say they have confirmed that four U.S. citizens died in a week-end crash of a single-engine plane. Assistant Police Commissioner Emrick Seymour said Monday that the identities of the two men and

two women are not being released pending notification of relatives. He expects to disclose their names Tuesday. The Cirrus SR22 plane was registered to First Class Flyers LLC in Cicero, Indiana. A telephone number listed for the company's Indiana

address was out of service. Police say the small plane was destroyed when it crashed into the sea minutes after takeoff Sunday from an airport on Grand Bahama, the chain's northernmost major island. Authorities say the bodies have been recovered. □

US, Iran trade blame over failed nuclear deal

The flurry of announcements and comments showed both the complexities and urgency in trying to move ahead on an accord between Iran and world powers after the talks in Geneva failed to produce a deal.

With negotiators set to resume next week, Iranian officials promoted a separate pact reached with the U.N. nuclear chief Yukiya Amano as a "roadmap" for greater cooperation and transparency, which could move the talks ahead. But the plans do not mention some of the sites most sought by U.N. teams to probe suspicions of nuclear-related work, notably the Parchin military facility outside Tehran.

"It's an important step forward, but by no means the end of the process," Amano told The Associated Press in Tehran. "There is still much work to be done."

Western leaders, meanwhile, were keen to display a unified front after reports that France had broken

ranks in Geneva and demanded more concessions from Iran on enrichment levels and an under-construction heavy water reactor that produced a greater amount of plutonium byproduct, which could be used in eventual weapons production. Kerry said it was Iran that put the brakes on reaching a first-phase agreement, but gave no details on the Iranian concerns and suggested it was only a matter of time before a formula is found. "There was unity but Iran couldn't take it," Kerry said during a stop in Abu Dhabi. He added: "The French signed off on it, we signed off on it."

Kerry told the BBC on Monday that negotiators had been "very, very close ... extremely close" to reaching a deal with Iran.

"I think we were separated by four or five different formulations of a particular concept," he said.

In the BBC interview, Kerry acknowledged "the French have been more vocal about one thing or another." But he said, "the

fact is that we had a unity on Saturday in a proposal put in front of the Iranians. But because of some the changes they felt they had to go back and change it." Later Monday, Zarif criticized Kerry's remarks that blamed Iran for lack of a deal when asked about them on an Iranian TV talk show. "Conflicting state-

ments harm the credibility of the one who keeps changing positions and damages confidence. The goal of dialogue is to reduce the lack of trust. Conflicting talk doesn't give credit to the person saying it," Zarif said. He said "considerable progress" was made during three days of talks in Geneva

but claimed that most of the hours were spent with the U.S., Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany trying "to resolve differences among themselves." He said he's still hopeful a deal will be reached, but insisted any agreement must include the lifting of all Western sanctions against Iran. British Foreign Secre-



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Yukiya Amano, center, leaves the Azadi Hotel after briefing reporters on the progress of nuclear negotiations with Iranian officials in Tehran, Iran, Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. Iran and the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency have reached a roadmap deal for cooperation during talks in Tehran Saturday that expands the monitoring of the country's nuclear sites.

(AP Photo/Ebrahim Noroozi)

Pope's rep:

American bishops shouldn't preach ideology

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AP Religion Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Vatican ambassador to the U.S., addressing American bishops at their first national meeting since Pope Francis was elected, said Monday they should not "follow a particular ideology" and should make Roman Catholics feel more welcome in church.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano noted the challenges from broader society to Christian teaching. He cautioned that the bishops' witness to faith would be undermined if they failed to live simply.

Francis, in office for eight months, has captured attention for eschewing some of the pomp of the papacy, including his decision to live in the Vatican hotel and his use of an economy car.

"There has to be a noticeable lifestyle characterized by simplicity and holiness of life. This is a sure way

based in Washington. "The Holy Father wants bishops in tune with their people," Vigano said, not-



Bishops stand during a prayer at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' annual fall meeting in Baltimore, Monday, Nov. 11, 2013, their first national meeting since Pope Francis was elected.

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

to bring our people to an awareness of the truth of our message," said Vigano, the apostolic nuncio

ing that he visited the pope in June. "He made a special point of saying that he wants pastoral bishops, not

bishops who profess or follow a particular ideology." In a September interview, Francis said Catholic leaders should give greater emphasis to compassion and mercy, arguing the church's focus on abortion, marriage and contraception has been too narrow and alienating. For the last several years, the public sessions of the fall bishops' assembly have centered on those hot-button social issues.

This year's meeting gave the first glimpse of how that message was resonating among American leaders. New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, dedicated his speech to persecuted Christians overseas, asking the bishops to make international religious freedom a top priority. □

tary William Hague said the world powers presented a united front to Iran at the weekend talks that failed to reach an accord, and although "some gaps" remained between parties at the talks, "most of those gaps are narrow."

In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has acknowledged that an overall deal is likely between Iran and world powers, which would undercut Israeli threats to launch military action against Iranian nuclear sites. Yet he hailed the delay as a chance to "achieve a much better deal."

"The target date for this deal is the date on which a good deal will be achieved that will deny Iran a military nuclear capability," he told Israel's parliament Monday.

For Netanyahu and his backers, however, hopes have all but evaporated that Iran can be forced by negotiators to completely end its ability to make nuclear fuel. □



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4 dead in Brooklyn murder-suicide, police say

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NEW YORK - A rock musician fatally shot three members of a rock band of Iranian expatriates in a town house in Brooklyn early Monday,

police said. The gunman then took his own life, police said. The victims were believed to be members of the Yellow Dogs, a group that got its start in Tehran, rehearsing in a makeshift sound-

proof studio and organizing clandestine concerts to avoid punishment by Iranian authorities. The assailant, who was not immediately identified, was believed to be another Iranian-American musi-

cian, possibly playing with the Yellow Dogs or another group called the Free Keys, said Raymond W. Kelly, the police commissioner. The motive had something to do with "a dispute over money involving an indie rock band," Kelly said. "Either the Free Keys or the Yellow Dogs."

The commissioner said that investigators believed all of the individuals involved were Iranians or were born in Iran, and that the gunman was thought to be a "band member, but that is still to be determined." The gunman appeared to gain access to the three-story building from the roof, Kelly said Monday. He fired at least once from outside the building, the bullet piercing a window and striking one of the victims. He then proceeded into the building, shooting his victims on the second and third floors. After the shootings, the gunman went back to the roof, where he shot himself in the head with what police said ap-

peared to be an assault rifle.

A surviving victim, 22, was taken to Elmhurst Hospital Center with a gunshot wound to the right arm, police said. The wounded man, who was not believed to be a band member, was identified in reports as Sasan Sadeghpourosko; hospital officials said Sadeghpourosko was treated and released at 6:58 a.m. At least two other people were in the home during the shooting and were being interviewed Monday by detectives. It was not clear if the gunman spoke during the shooting. A law enforcement official said two of the victims were brothers; various biographies of the band identify two of its members as Soroush Farazmand, a guitarist, and Arash Farazmand, the drummer.

At least three of the band members are originally from Tehran. "We were super lucky we didn't get caught," said the bassist, identified in a video interview last year only as Koory. The men described the long process of seeking asylum in the United States and then finding themselves playing at prominent rock venues around New York, as well as at the South by Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas.

"We can't go back to Iran," the singer, known as Obash, said in the interview. "Our parents, they have never seen us play." Members of the group received asylum last year. Another of the band's guitarists, Siavash Karampour, was not involved in the shooting, according to the owner of a lounge in Manhattan, where Karampour tended bar on Sunday night. Karampour told the owner that he had spent most of the night being questioned by police before being released. □



A police officer puts up tape near a crime scene in the Brooklyn section of New York, Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. A musician shot and killed two members of an Iranian indie rock band and a third musician early Monday, and wounded a fourth person at their apartment before killing himself on the roof, police and the group's manager said.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

NYPD eyeing security after ice-rink shooting

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — New York police will assess security after a shooting at a popular ice rink in midtown Manhattan, though the park where the gunfire rang out is generally very safe, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Monday.

Meanwhile, the suspected 16-year-old gunman was awaiting arraignment, accused of shooting two people after coveting a jacket one of them was wearing. The name of the teen's lawyer wasn't immediately available.

The burst of bullets Saturday night sent hundreds of skaters scrambling for safety and left blood stains

on the ice in Bryant Park, behind the New York Public Library's main building. A block of green space near Times Square and the shops of Fifth Avenue, the park is a destination for New Yorkers and visitors alike.

Asked whether police planned to step up security after Saturday's shooting, Kelly said officials "will make those judgments as we go forward." But Bryant Park is generally "a very safe area," he said.

About 20 private security agents were on duty at the ice rink and park Saturday night, said Joe Carella, a spokesman for the Bryant Park Corp., the nonprofit group that manages the park. The company that runs the ice rink, Upsilon



The ice rink at Bryant Park in New York is resurfaced on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013. A shooting at the ice rink at the popular midtown Manhattan park late Saturday sent two men to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

(AP Photo/Peter Morgan)

Ventures LLC, declined to answer questions and referred calls instead to the park corporation. The gunman was skating

Saturday when he spotted a stranger wearing a jacket he liked and demanded it from him, Kelly said. The man refused. □

Authorities: 2 charged in Texas party shootings

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Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Two suspects have been charged in connection with a shooting at a house party in suburban Houston that left two

teenagers dead and injured 19 others, authorities announced Monday. However, court documents indicate the deadly shooting might not have started as a result of celebratory

gunfire as initially indicated by law enforcement officials. Instead it apparently began when the suspects shot at two individuals before then firing into the crowd.

Willie Young, 21, and Randy Stewart, 18, were arrested Monday morning, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Young is charged with deadly conduct, while Stewart is charged with aggravated assault. Bail for each suspect was set at \$250,000. Court records did not indicate whether Young or Stewart has an attorney.

The victim killed at the scene has been identified as 17-year-old Qu'eric Richardson. The name of the other victim, a 16-year-old girl who died at a hospital, has not been released. Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia had previously said Saturday's shooting in Cypress, an unincorporated area about 25 miles northwest of Houston, began when someone fired a pistol in the air in celebration. In the ensuing confusion, someone else began firing into the crowd, causing people to flee into the narrow street, Garcia said. Officials said more than 100 people were at the party, which was promoted

openly on several social media sites.

But according to probable cause affidavits for Young and Stewart, two of the people at the party say the suspects initially began firing at them.

Dominic Adams said that after Stewart entered the home, Stewart "pulled out a handgun, pointed it at him and discharged the weapon." Adams "was struck in the arm. (Adams) stated that the defendant began randomly shooting into the crowd," according to Stewart's probable cause affidavit.

The affidavit related to Young presented as similar scenario. Jamario Wilson, another partygoer, told investigators that he saw Young in the home's living room when Young pulled out a handgun and began firing in his direction.

Wilson said that Young also began "randomly shooting" into the crowd. It didn't appear that Wilson was injured. Both Adams and Wilson said they knew the suspects "from the neighborhood." □



Family and friends console each other outside a home in Cypress, Texas, the morning after two people were killed and 19 were injured when gunfire rang out at a house party. Willie Young, 21, and Randy Stewart, 18, were arrested in connection with the shooting Monday, Nov. 11, 2013 according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

(AP Photo/Bob Levey)

Lawyers: Inspectors twisted bride's statements

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Associated Press

HELENA, Montana (AP) — Investigators twisted the statements of a newlywed bride to make it appear as though she deliberately pushed her husband to his death in Glacier National Park, an attorney for the woman claimed.

FBI investigator Stacey Smiedala also sent a police detective from the room so he could "shape" Jordan Graham's initial 1 1/2-hour interrogation on July 16 without having to record it, as is required in all investigations

in the state of Montana, attorney Michael Donahoe said in court filings late Friday. As a result, Graham's statements that the death of Cody Johnson was an accident, followed by her fear and panic that nobody would believe her, were manipulated and then distorted into an exaggerated version of what happened, Donahoe said. Federal prosecutors do not respond to media queries about active cases, and they have not filed a response to Donahoe's claims. □



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Saying a chapter of war is ending, Obama vows aid for US veterans

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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama pledged Monday that Americans "will never forget" the sacrifices made by the country's military veterans and promised that his administration would continue pushing for money to support the men and women home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Speaking at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day after placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Obama declared that the nation's most recent "chapter of war is coming to an end." But he said that Americans must not let the service of the military fade from memory.

"By this time next year, the transition to Afghan-led security will be nearly complete," he said.

"The longest war in American history will end."

But he said that "there's a risk that the devoted service of our veterans could fade from the forefront of our minds," adding that "our time of service to our newest veterans has just begun."

In his first Veterans Day remarks as president in 2009, Obama faced a very different situation in Afghanistan, where top military officials were pressing for a U.S. troop escalation to confront a surging enemy. Three weeks later, Obama announced that he was sending an additional 30,000 troops to the country, bringing the total number of U.S. forces in Afghanistan to more than 100,000.

"For our troops, it is another day in harm's way," Obama said on Veterans Day in 2009.

"For their families, it is another day to feel the absence of a loved one and the concern for their safety."

On Monday, the president said that in a year's time Afghan forces will have largely taken over the responsibility of securing their country. □



World War II veteran 107 year-old Richard Overton, from East Austin, Texas, center, stands up as he is acknowledge by President Barack Obama during the president's speech at Veteran Day ceremony, Monday, Nov. 11, 2013, at the Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater in Arlington, Va. The president paid tribute to those who have served in the nation's military, including one of the nation's oldest veterans, the 107-year-old Overton of East Austin, Texas.

(AP Photo/Pablo Monsivais)

Man faces charge of 'joining' al-Qaida

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Associated Press

RALEIGH, North Carolina

(AP) — A Pakistani native living in the U.S. is facing federal charges that he sought to join an al-Qaida-linked militant group fighting the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Basit Javed Sheikh, 29, of Cary, is charged in a federal criminal indictment with attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization. He was arrested on Nov. 2 before boarding the first of a series of flights that would take him to Lebanon.

Sheikh told an FBI informant he was going to join the group called the Nusra Front in Syria, an FBI agent said in a sworn affidavit

obtained by The Associated Press. Sheikh was assigned two federal public defenders to represent him during a court hearing last week. The defense attorneys could not be reached Monday because their office was closed for the Veterans Day holiday. Messages to phone numbers listed for Sheikh were not returned Monday.

For five months this year, Sheikh, also known as Abdul Basit, posted messages and videos on Facebook expressing support for jihadi militants fighting Assad's forces in the bloody, 3-year-old Syrian civil war that has killed more than 100,000 people, said the affidavit signed by FBI Special Agent Jason Maslow.

In August, Sheikh began an online relationship with an FBI informant who used a Facebook page promoting Islamic extremism, the affidavit said.

Sheikh told the informant in early September that he'd bought a one-way ticket to travel to Turkey in hopes of making contact with people who would get him to Syria. Sheikh said he backed out because "he could not muster the strength to leave his parents," the affidavit said. Sheikh said he had traveled to Turkey last year hoping to join the fight in Syria, but became dispirited by his experience with people who claimed to be part of the U.S.-backed Free Syrian Army. □

APNewsBreak: Military suicides drop; unclear why

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Suicides across the U.S. military have dropped by more than 22 percent this year, defense officials said, amid an array of new programs targeting what the Defense Department calls an epidemic that took more service members' lives last year than the war in Afghanistan did during that same period.

Military officials, however, were reluctant to pin the decline on the broad swath of detection and prevention efforts, acknowledging that they still don't fully understand why troops take their own lives. And since many of those who have committed suicide in recent years had never served on the warfront, officials also do not attribute the decrease to the end of the Iraq war and the drawdown in Afghanistan.

Still, they offered some hope that after several years of studies, the escalating emphasis on prevention across all the services may finally be taking hold.

With two months to go in this calendar year, defense officials say there have been 245 suicides by active-duty service members as of Oct. 27. At the same time last year there had already been 316. Each of the military services has seen the total go down this year, ranging from an 11 percent dip in the Marine Corps to a 28 percent drop for the Navy. The Air Force had a 21 percent decline, while Army totals fell by 24 percent.

The officials provided the data to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to disclose it publicly.

Last year the number of suicides in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines spiked to 349 for the full 12-month period, the highest since the Pentagon began closely tracking the numbers in 2001, and up from the 2011 total of 301. There were 295 Americans killed in Afghanistan last year, by the AP's count.

Military suicides began rising in 2006 and soared to a then-record 310 in 2009 before leveling off for two years. Alarmed defense officials launched an intensified campaign to isolate the causes that lead to suicide, and develop programs to eliminate the stigma associated with seeking help and encourage troops to act when their comrades appeared troubled.

The Pentagon increased the number of behavioral health care providers by 35 percent over the past 3 years and embedded more of them in front-line units. It also beefed up training, expanded crisis phone lines and delivered more than 75,000 gun locks to the services to distribute.

"Suicide is often a perfect storm in an individual life, where many supports and many things come undone around a service member," said Ami Neiberger-Miller, spokeswoman for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. "I think there's been a lot of people encouraging our troops who are in trouble to seek help, that help is available, that help can work and that suicide is not the only option."

While much of the suicide prevention effort involves similar studies and programs, each service has set up its own particular methods to deal with the problem.

Navy Capt. Kurt Scott, director of the service's suicide prevention programs, said the Navy is working to recognize the causes of stress beforehand and then help sailors figure out ways to deal with it. Often stress is tied to family issues, including the strains of leaving for deployments, substance abuse, depression or financial problems. □

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US Financial Front:

America's automatic spending cuts to bite more in 2014

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States faces a second round of automatic, across-the-board spending cuts that promise to be far more painful than the first, amid a gloomy outlook for budget negotiations set to resume this week.

The first round of cuts, which took effect earlier this year when bitterly divided Democrats and Republicans failed to come up with a deficit-reduction agreement, didn't live up to the dire predictions from the Obama administration and others, who warned big disruptions of government services.

Several federal agencies found lots of loose change that helped them through the automatic cuts in the 2013 budget year that ended Sept. 30, allowing them to minimize the number of public employees forced off the job and maintain many services. Most of that money, however, has been spent.

The Pentagon used more



A sign showing the U.S. national debt is displayed in Washington, DC. The United States faces a second round of automatic, across-the-board spending cuts that promise to be far more painful than the first, amid a gloomy outlook for budget negotiations set to resume this week.

(AP Photo)

than \$5 billion in unspent money from previous years to ease its \$39 billion budget cut. Employee furloughs originally scheduled for 11 days were cut back to six days. The Justice

Department found more than \$500 million in similar money that allowed agencies like the FBI to avoid furloughs altogether. Finding replacement cuts is the priority of budget talks

scheduled to resume this week, but many observers think the talks won't bear fruit. It's a continuation of the partisan bickering that has gripped Washington for years. The talks come

as both political parties are grappling with the fallout from the 16-day partial government shutdown that resulted last month while the two sides fought over a temporary spending bill.

For the time being, Congress has frozen 2014 spending at 2013 levels while negotiators seek a budget deal that would ease some of the automatic cuts. Absent a deal, the spending "caps" on agency operating budgets will shrink by another \$20 billion or so, with most of that money squeezed out of the Pentagon.

Agencies that have thus far withstood the harshest effects of the cuts in 2013 are bracing for a second round that will feel a lot worse.

A drop in participation and lower-than-expected food prices allowed a widely supported food program for low-income pregnant women and children to get through this year without having to take away anyone's benefits. □

US Postal Service and Amazon.com strike deal

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WASHINGTON - The cash-short U.S. Postal Service, which failed to win congressional approval to stop delivering mail on Saturdays to save money, has struck a deal with the online retailer Amazon.com to deliver the company's packages on Sundays - a first for both, with obvious advantages for each.

For the Postal Service, which lost nearly \$16 billion last year, first-class mail delivery, particularly on Sat-

urdays, is often a money loser, whereas package delivery is profitable.

The deal, announced on Sunday and taking effect immediately, in time for the holiday shopping season, gives the Postal Service a chance to take some business from United Parcel Service and FedEx, which do not deliver on Sundays. Now, some orders that would have been handled by either of those carriers for Monday delivery will go through the Postal Service and arrive on Sunday.

The Postal Service said it expected to make more such deals with other merchants, seeking a larger role in the \$186 billion e-commerce market.

Amazon.com would not say if it would try to arrange Sunday deliveries with other parcel carriers. For this holiday shopping season, Sunday delivery of Amazon products will be limited to the Los Angeles and New York metropolitan areas, which in New York's case includes parts of New Jersey and Connecticut. In 2014 it is expected to ex-

pand to other cities including Dallas, Houston, New Orleans and Phoenix. Postal Service officials called the agreement an important step in diversifying its services and expanding those that make a profit. "Consumers have shown that there is a market for package deliveries seven days a week, and we are glad to be in a position to partner with Amazon on providing this service," said Patrick R. Donahoe, the postmaster general.

Neither Amazon nor the

Postal Service would disclose financial arrangements or discuss the volume or revenue they expected to generate from Sunday deliveries. The Postal Service already delivers some packages on Sundays and holidays for an extra fee.

Shipping and package services have been one of the few bright spots for the beleaguered Postal Service. First-class mail, its main source of revenue, declined to almost 69 billion pieces last year from nearly 92 billion in 2008. □

Haqqani militant leader is shot dead in Pakistan

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LONDON - A senior leader of the feared Haqqani militant network was shot dead on the outskirts of Islamabad, Pakistani militants and Afghan intelligence officials said Monday, in the latest setback for the close-knit cluster of militant groups that shelter in Pakistan's northwestern

tribal region. The leader, Nasiruddin Haqqani - a son of the militant group's founder, the Afghan warlord Jalaluddin Haqqani - was gunned down outside a bread store Sunday by a man riding a motorcycle, witnesses told Pakistani media outlets. Intelligence officials believe that he was the chief fundraiser for the Haqqani network, one of the most

lethal elements of the insurgency in Afghanistan, and he was designated as a "global terrorist" by the United States in 2010. Two commanders for the group confirmed his death Monday. "We have received his body, and the funeral has taken place," said one of the commanders, Gul Hassan, who spoke by phone from North Waziristan, the

main hub of the Haqqani group in Pakistan. "The mujahedeen are in shock." The attack comes at a turbulent time within the nest of militant groups based in northwestern Pakistan, including al-Qaida, the Pakistani Taliban and the Haqqani network. The turmoil started in early October, when U.S. forces detained Latif Mehsud, a senior commander for the

Pakistani Taliban, inside Afghanistan.

Weeks later, a CIA drone strike killed the leader of the Pakistani Taliban, Hakimullah Mehsud, and one of his top deputies. Now, Haqqani, a looming figure in a militant network closely allied with the Taliban, is dead.

It was unclear whether Haqqani's killing was linked to those recent Pakistani Taliban losses, and there were conflicting views about who was behind the attack. Some officials in Afghanistan said Monday that they believed that the killing may have come because of an internal dispute within the group or even the immediate Haqqani family. But in Pakistani intelligence circles, speculation was rife that Afghan intelligence officials were behind the killing of Haqqani, a native Afghan whose group has been focused on striking the Afghan government and Western military presence.

In any case, the fact that he was killed on the very edge of the Pakistani capital is likely to discomfit the Pakistani government and military, which have long faced accusations that they allow the Haqqanis and other militant groups near complete freedom of movement within the country.

Another Haqqani network commander, speaking on the condition of anonymity from Peshawar, claimed that militants had mourned Haqqani at a prayer service right under the nose of the Pakistani military, at a secret spot in the garrison city of Rawalpindi, near Islamabad. The commander said Haqqani's body was then sent back to the tribal belt for burial.

"Another Abbottabad? Massive Embarrassment," Talat Hussain, a senior Pakistani television journalist, said on Twitter, referring to the embarrassment caused by the U.S. commando assault that killed Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad, near Islamabad, in May 2011. □



Youngsters gather at spot where Nasiruddin Haqqani, a senior leader of the feared militant Haqqani network, was assassinated at an Afghan bakery in the Bhara Kahu area on the outskirts of Islamabad, Pakistan, Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. A Pakistani Taliban commander and an intelligence official say a senior leader of the feared militant Haqqani network has been shot dead in Islamabad. (AP Photo/Anjum Naveed)

Egypt: official indicates curfew to end Thursday

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CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's interior minister indicated that a curfew and state of emergency in place for the past three months will expire Thursday as scheduled, saying security reinforcements will be deployed as a preventive measure in the face of protests by the supporters of the ousted president. The curfew and emergency laws have been a key tool in authorities' crack-down on the mainly Islamist supporters of Mohammed

Morsi, who was toppled by the military on July 3. His backers have been holding small rallies nearly every day demanding his reinstatement, but they have generally dispersed at curfew time. The state of emergency also gave security forces expanded powers of arrest. Interior Minister Mohammed Ibrahim, who is in charge of police, told the state news agency on Monday that "once the curfew and state of emergency end on Nov. 14," security forces will be deployed to

main streets and city centers across the country to "to tighten control and instill a feeling of confidence and security in citizens." Egypt imposed the curfew based on the state of emergency, which was put in place on Aug. 14, when security forces violently dispersed two pro-Morsi protest camps in Cairo. Hundreds of people were killed and the days of unrest that followed left more than 1,000 dead. Over the past months, Egypt has been hit by a spiral of violence. Suspected

Islamist supporters of Morsi have torched dozens of churches and police stations in retaliation. Ibrahim himself survived an assassination attempt by a suicide car bomber. Militant attacks on police and army troops have spiked in the volatile Sinai Peninsula. After one month, the state of emergency was extended for two more months. But to extend it beyond that point, a public referendum is required, according to the country's transitional constitution. □

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In Belgium at Ypres, ceremonies mark end of WWI

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YPRES, Belgium (AP) — As a bugler played the "Last Post," a cascade of red paper poppies floated down Monday from Menin Gate in Ypres as visitors from around the globe came to honor the dead of World War I. The gate's vaulted ceiling

in the Belgian town lists the names of more than 54,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers who lost their lives during World War I and have no known grave. The spot was chosen as nearly every Allied soldier marched over it or near it en route to the war's muddy battlefields of Flanders. On Monday, the 95th an-

niversary of the Nov. 11, 1918, armistice that ended World War I, the haunting lines written by poet Robert Laurence Binyon for the Great War's fallen were solemnly read aloud. "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the

sun and in the morning We will remember them." Emily Chamberlain from Gosport, England, was among the visitors searching the gate for the name of a distant relative who died in World War I.

"I'm so, so happy that I found it. I was sure I would never be able to find it among all the names on this wall," she told The Associated Press on Monday. "Now, I can go home happy."

Later in the afternoon, Prince Philip, husband of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, joined Belgium's Prince Laurent and other dignitaries at a handover ceremony of soil collected from Commonwealth war cemeteries throughout Belgium.

The 70 sandbags, gathered by Belgian and British children, were presented to British soldiers from the Household Division, who on Sunday took part in a ceremony of remembrance for Britain's war dead at the Cenotaph in London.

A gun carriage carrying the bags of soil, covered with a ceremonial black cloth, was pulled by six powerful black Irish draft horses as a lone bagpiper played "Flowers of the Forest." The sandbags will be taken to London, where

they will be placed in the Flanders Fields Memorial Garden opening next year at the Wellington Barracks. There were no longer any veterans left from World War I to attend the ceremonies. The last, Britain's Florence Green, died in 2012 just a few days short of her 111th birthday.

In France, where more than 1.6 million soldiers and civilians died in the war, President Francois Hollande laid flowers Monday at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier beneath the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

Despite the solemn occasion, Hollande faced outbursts of loud booing from small pockets in the crowd. His popularity has sunk to record lows amid growing dissatisfaction over France's weak economic growth, high taxes and rising joblessness.

France has laid out plans for a year's worth of events and ceremonies in 2014 timed to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I.

Among the first is the so-called Great Collection, which was launched Saturday. The French national archives have set up collection points staffed by historians and other experts, and are encouraging people to scour their attics and garages for mementos of World War I.

The objects will be scanned and annotated in a digital archive that already contains tens of thousands of items from around Europe. Belgium will begin its centenary commemorations in the city of Mons in August at the St. Symphorien Military Cemetery, which contains the graves of both German and Commonwealth soldiers killed in the first days of the conflict and the last. □



Belgium's Prince Laurent, left, and Britain's Prince Philip, second left, walk by British and Belgian schoolchildren during a special Armistice Day ceremony under the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium on Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. The Duke of Edinburgh attended a special Armistice Day ceremony on Monday to oversee the handover of 70 sandbags of soil from Flanders fields. The sandbags, collected by Belgian and British schoolchildren from Commonwealth cemeteries in Belgium, were handed over to the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery and will be taken to London and placed in the Flanders Fields Memorial Garden at the Wellington Barracks.

(AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)

Polish marchers try to breach Russian Embassy

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Young Poles torched cars, threw stones at police and tried to climb the fence at the Russian Embassy after setting a guard's booth ablaze during a march Monday by nationalists marking Poland's Independence Day. Police responded with tear gas and stun grenades, while detaining around a doz-

en people from a group of a few hundred mostly masked men who initially walked in the march. Poland's Foreign Ministry spokesman Marcin Wojciechowski condemned the actions at the Russian Embassy in Warsaw in particular. "There is no justification for hooliganism," Wojciechowski wrote on Twitter. Police spokesman

Mariusz Sokolowski said five police officers and some other people were hospitalized with injuries they sustained during the clashes. Thousands of nationalists marched through downtown Warsaw chanting against the government of Prime Minister Donald Tusk. Their Independence Day march has turned violent before, prompting many

residents to call on city officials to ban it. Warsaw authorities, who initially allowed Monday's march, declared it illegal after the violence, but that did not stop the marchers. Elsewhere in the capital and country, many Poles held peaceful events in memory of the country's regaining sovereignty in 1918 as a result of World War I. □

Typhoon victims in Philippines plead for disaster aid

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TACLOBAN, Philippines (AP) — Bloated bodies lay uncollected and uncounted in the streets and desperate survivors pleaded for food, water and medicine as rescue workers took on a daunting task Monday in the typhoon-battered islands of the Philippines. Thousands were feared dead. The hard-hit city of Tacloban resembled a garbage dump from the air, with only a few concrete buildings left standing in the wake of one of the most powerful storms to ever hit land, packing 147-mph winds and whipping up 20-foot walls of seawater that tossed ships inland and swept many out to sea.

"Help. SOS. We need food," read a message painted by a survivor in large letters on the ravaged city's port, where water lapped at the edge.

There was no one to carry away the dead, which lay rotting along the main road from the airport to Tacloban, the worst-hit city along the country's remote eastern seaboard.

At a small naval base, eight swollen corpses — including that of a baby — were submerged in water brought in by the storm. Officers had yet to move them, saying they had no body bags or electricity to preserve them.

Authorities estimated the typhoon killed 10,000 or more people, but with the slow pace of recovery, the official death toll three days after the storm made landfall remained at 942.

However, with shattered communications and transportation links, the final count was likely days away, and presidential spokesman Edwin Lacierda said "we pray" it does not surpass 10,000.

"I don't believe there is a single structure that is not destroyed or severely damaged in some way — every single building, every single house," U.S. Marine Brig. Gen. Paul Kennedy said after taking a helicopter flight

over Tacloban, the largest city in Leyte province. He spoke on the tarmac at the airport, where two Marine C-130 cargo planes were parked, engines running, unloading supplies. Authorities said at least 9.7 million people in 41 prov-

deadliest natural disaster to beset this poor Southeast Asian nation.

"Please tell my family I'm alive," said Erika Mae Karakot as she stood among a throng of people waiting for aid. "We need water and medicine because a

ter." Philippine soldiers were distributing food and water, and assessment teams from the United Nations and other international agencies were seen Monday for the first time. The U.S. military dispatched food, water,

Authorities said they had evacuated some 800,000 people ahead of the typhoon, but many evacuation centers proved to be no protection against the wind and rising water. The Philippine National Red Cross, responsible for warning the region and giving advice, said people were not prepared for a storm surge.

"Imagine America, which was prepared and very rich, still had a lot of challenges at the time of Hurricane Katrina, but what we had was three times more than what they received," said Gwendolyn Pang, the group's executive director. Emily Ortega, 21 and about to give birth, said she clung to a post to survive after the evacuation center she fled to was devastated by the 20-foot (6-meter) storm surge.

She reached safety at the airport, where she gave birth to a baby girl, Bea Joy Sagales, whose arrival drew applause from the military medics who assisted in the delivery.

The wind, rain and coastal storm surges transformed neighborhoods into twisted piles of debris, blocking roads and trapping decomposing bodies underneath.



An aerial image taken from a Philippine Air Force helicopter shows the devastation of the first landfall by typhoon Haiyan in Guiuan, Eastern Samar province, central Philippines Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. Authorities said at least 2 million people in 41 provinces had been affected by Friday's typhoon Haiyan and at least 23,000 houses had been damaged or destroyed.

(AP Photo/Bullit Marquez)

inces were affected by the typhoon, known as Haiyan elsewhere in Asia but called Yolanda in the Philippines. It was likely the

lot of the people we are with are wounded. Some are suffering from diarrhea and dehydration due to shortage of food and wa-

generators and a contingent of Marines to the city, the first outside help in what will swell into a major international relief mission.

Germany starts identifying Munich art found online

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Associated Press
BERLIN (AP) — Bowing to pressure from Jewish groups and art experts, the German government made public details of paintings in a recovered trove of some 1,400 pieces of art, many of which may have been stolen by the Nazis, and said it would put together a task force to speed identification. The German government said in a written statement that about 590 of the pieces could have been stolen by the Nazis. In a surprise move, it quickly featured some 25 of those works on the website www.lostart.de and said it would be regularly updated. Officials had so far released

few details about the art found in the Munich apartment of 80-year-old Cornelius Gurlitt, though it was known to include pieces

Among the paintings listed on the site were Otto Dix's "The Woman in the Theater Box," Otto Griebel's "Child at the Table," and Max Li-

forced to sell under duress during the Third Reich. For the heirs of those collectors, the discovery has raised hopes of recovering art, while the slow release of information has stirred frustration.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman said earlier Monday that the government understood the demands of Jewish groups in particular that the pieces be quickly made public.

"We can well understand that especially Jewish organizations are asking many questions. They represent older people who were treated very badly," said the spokesman, Stefan Seibert.

Photo provided by the Augsburg, southern Germany, prosecution Monday, Nov. 11, 2013 shows a painting 'Dame in der Loge' (lady in a loge) by German artist Otto Dix that was among the more than 1400 art works that were seized by German authorities in an apartment in Munich in February 2012.
(AP Photo/S. Augsburg)



by Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso. The discovery resulted from an ongoing tax probe, adding to secrecy concerns.

eberrmann's "Rider on the Beach." Looted art was stolen or bought for a pittance from Jewish collectors who were



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Congo peace deal postponed over disagreement

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ENTEBBE, Uganda (AP) —

An expected peace deal between Congo's government and M23 rebels was postponed after Congolese officials asked for more time to study the document, a Ugandan government spokesman said Monday, the day Western diplomats and Ugandan officials believed a final accord would be signed after nearly a year of negotiations.

The Congolese government delegation was not ready to agree to the document, according to Ugandan government spokesman Ofwono Opondo, who said the accord would have to wait until Congo's government "makes up its mind." Opondo said the Congolese government had asked for more time to review the document despite having a copy for at least three days. Congolese officials did not issue a comment about the situation.

Okello Oryem, Uganda's

deputy foreign minister, told The Associated Press the deal had not been signed after Congo's government insisted on saying it would sign a "declaration" that the rebellion was over, but not "an agreement" with the M23 rebels, an issue that he said reflected the difficulty of mediating peace between the two sides. Peace talks between M23 and Congo's government have repeatedly stalled since they started in December, sometimes over minor details, according to Ugandan officials. It remained unclear when the two parties would meet again. The Congolese army in recent weeks pushed the M23 rebels out of eastern Congo, and last week the rebels declared an end to their rebellion. The peace agreement was intended to establish the way that both sides would sustain peace in eastern Congo. Dignitaries and journalists had gathered at the official residence of Uganda's president in the Ugandan town of Entebbe to wit-



A truck carries passengers and cargo along the road from Rutshuru to Goma, eastern Congo. Within the area recently recaptured by the national army, civilians were enjoying the newly found freedom of movement and the absence of the road taxes formerly levied by the M23.

(AP Photo/Joseph Kay)

ness the official signing ceremony. But the 6 p.m. time for the ceremony came and went with no signing. Some ceremony participants suggested that the issue of amnesty for the rebel soldiers could hold up

the deal. The Congolese government delegation was led by Foreign Minister Raymond Tshibanda while Bertrand Bisimwa, M23's civilian head, led the rebel delegation.

It appears Uganda's gov-

ernment has been seeking to get compromises from Congo's government on amnesty for rebel commanders who are accused of committing serious abuses during the 19 month rebellion. □

Haiti orphanage attacked, 1 dead

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— A Haitian man was killed and an Irish woman received minor injuries when they were beaten with a hammer during a break-in at the orphanage where they worked, police said Monday.

Police inspector Gilbert Conseillant said that three men demanded money when they showed up Thursday night at the Kay Christine orphanage in a rural village in the mountains above the capital of Port-au-Prince.

Gena Heraty of Ireland runs the special needs program for the orphanage, home

to about 400 children.

Heraty said in a video interview posted on The Irish Independent newspaper's website that she gave the attackers 400 euros, but they wanted more. Armed with a hammer and a gun, the attackers struck Heraty several times and beat night watchman Cesar "Major" Edward, who later died.

The police inspector said authorities believed at least one of the attackers was once an orphan who lived at the home. He said the robbers suspected there was more money stashed in the orphanage. □



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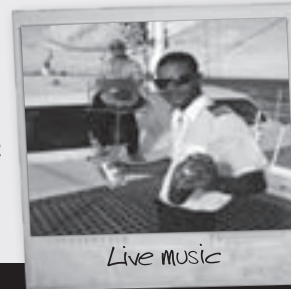
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Cuban leaders eye new port as economic lifeline

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Associated Press

MARIEL, Cuba (AP) — Life still moves slowly in this small, dusty town, where kids play freely in narrow streets nearly devoid of traffic and many people carry parasols to ward off the pounding tropical sun. But that's all about to change. The town best known as the launch point of a mass maritime exodus to the U.S. in 1980 is being transformed into a huge, modern, \$900 million port and special commercial zone.

The island nation's Communist authorities expect Mariel to become a center for foreign investment. It could also position Cuba to take advantage of a trade boom if the U.S. ever lifts its 51-year embargo and starts sending container ships south — something investors have been waiting for, in vain, for years. Others suspect the port's impact on Cuba may be more modest, reflecting the country's long-stagnant economy.

"The Port of Mariel could ... contribute to a revival of Cuban foreign trade, more so if there are improvements in relations with the United States," said Arturo Lopez-Levy, an economist and lecturer at the University of Denver.

Plans to overhaul the Port of Mariel began in 2009 when officials determined the country's main harbor in Havana is too shallow for bigger, deeper-draft "post-Panamax" vessels, which starting in 2015 will begin crossing through an expanded Panama Canal and carry an increasing share of regional cargo. An automobile tunnel that traverses the mouth of Havana's bay makes it impossible to make the waterway deeper.

Even with the U.S. embargo, the ability of Mariel to take in deeper-draft ships will let Cuba keep pace with global shipping innovations and accommodate more cargo. Hopes are equally high for the adjacent, 180-square-mile (465-square-kilometer) industrial park and special development zone, which officially launched Nov. 1. During a recent visit by The Associated Press, orange-

most of its foreign income from tourism, nickel mining and the export of services such as tens of thousands of medical professionals. Authorities hope to attract foreign firms to invest and set up shop in the development zone, with a priority on industries such as food, biotech, renewable energy, packaging and telecommunications.

Foreign companies that answer the call will be ex-

keeping the foreign investors already here, most of which are joint ventures with government agencies. Earlier this year, the government said 190 mixed-ownership companies were operating in the country, compared with 400 in the early 2000s.

Foreign executives and diplomats have said stifling bureaucracy and corruption crackdowns targeting some foreign-run busi-



Workers landscape the area near a new port under construction in Mariel, Cuba. Some companies will no doubt be hesitant to set up shop at the new port knowing that U.S. embargo rules would almost certainly prohibit them from selling their products in the United States, and that their Cuban operations could complicate any trade they do with Uncle Sam. Embargo rules prohibit ships from docking in the United States for six months after calling in Cuban ports.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

clad, helmeted workers in the port zone were building what looked like a large warehouse while trucks arrived loaded with construction materials. Hundreds of yards (meters) of docks appeared nearly completed, ahead of the port's expected opening early next year.

Simply swapping one port for another, however, won't be enough to right Cuba's rickety economy, which relies heavily on food and other imports while making

empted from paying taxes on labor, profits and sales and services, at least at first. Tax rates will rise to 12 percent on profits after a decade of operation and 1 percent on sales and services after 12 months.

"It will be a world-class special zone," said Ana Teresa Igarza, director of the office overseeing the development zone during a presentation about the port last week at the Havana Trade Fair.

Still, Cuba has had trouble

nesses have dampened enthusiasm, as have rules prohibiting foreign companies from hiring employees directly. Instead, they must contract workers through a state-run employment agency.

Critics also bemoan a lack of office space and infrastructure.

Investment also has been restricted by the embargo, which would ban companies from selling products routed through Cuba in the United States. □

Venezuela to toughen price control, profit

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro is extending price controls and will place limits on profits as he extends attempts to curb the galloping inflation that is eroding support for his rule.

Maduro made the announcement in a late-night television address Sunday in which he also vowed to step up inspections of businesses selling shoes, clothing, automobiles and other goods to make sure they aren't gouging consumers. "We can't just close the businesses; the owners have to go to jail," Maduro said in an impassioned speech in which he cited Jewish, Muslim and Christian texts to harangue businessmen he accuses of usury. "We can't allow our hard currency to be used to rob people through the sale of these goods."

Huge crowds of government loyalists and opponents formed outside appliance stores over the weekend after Maduro ordered the military to occupy the Daka chain of electronic stores and slash by more than half prices for washing machines, televisions and other white goods.

While soldiers with assault rifles were deployed to keep bargain hunters in check, at least one Daka store, in the country's third largest city of Valencia, was looted by unruly crowds, according to photos and videos posted online.

Maduro Sunday night urged Venezuelans to remain calm, saying that he won't allow the "parasitic bourgeoisie" to overcharge consumers ever again. □



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ORANJESTAD - As part of the Good4TheNeighborhood initiative sponsored by Aruba Bank, Filomena College Mavo, teachers and students, decided to make some changes and upgrade Centro di Bario Brazil. Fixing up the Brazil Community Center is designed to make the community feel good, and the goal is to involve all those using the center, young and old.

Five students are the heart of the project, President Judrick Gario, Secretary Eugenie Falconi, PR officer Chiantelle Colina, treasurer Orland Petronia and Project Supervisor Sherrelies Isabella. They will be in charge of the project together with two teachers: Fatme Faurup-Rigaud and Maroushka Koopmans-Maduro who will guide them along the process, with the support of Aruba Bank coordinator Suzette Bareño. The project will also rely on the collaboration of the entire student body of Filomena College Mavo.



The actual work will be divided into two aspects: The physical upgrade and the social aspect, after having completed the upgrades. The physical upgrade includes the refresh of the basketball court, the creation of a playground and a face lift for the stage. The work, in honor of the late

Bernadina Growell will recognize her lifetime contributions as the community's Mother of Culture. The social aspect of the work will include a Sinterklaas party for the "Happy Kids Care," the day-care facility at Centro di Bario Brazil. The festivities will also include a basketball tournament for

the community kids and a dance party for the elderly of Flor di Brazil, a folkloric dance group. The project will be ex-

ecuted over the next few weeks and will culminate with an exciting basketball tournament on the 8th of December.

Students of Filomena College Mavo, are grateful to Chico Harms and the management of the Brazil Community Center for their cooperation and support. Aruba Bank should also be thanked for giving the students the opportunity of getting closer to their community in a positive way. With that project, the students wish to put a smile on the faces of those using the community center.

The students are hereby inviting the Filomena College Mavo community and the community of Brazil, in fact the entire island community, to come and give a hand on the 16th of November beginning at 9am, drinks and snacks will be provided. □

Loyal visitors honored at La Cabana!



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The honorees were Bryan

and Sherry Cramond of Shawnee, Kansas, and Paul and Helen Nee of Halbrook, Massachusetts.

All the honorees are loyal members of the La Cabana beach Resort, and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches and restaurants. The certificates were presented by Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Sharin Charles representing the La Cabana Beach Resort. □

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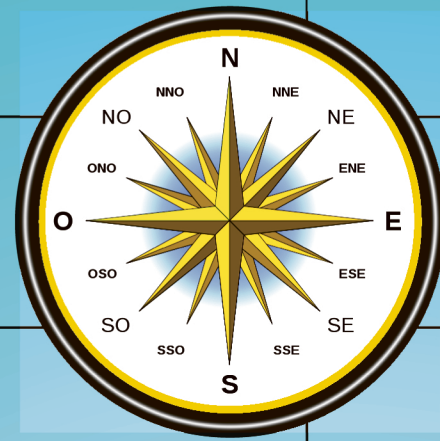
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Djokovic beats Nadal to win ATP Finals

SAMUEL PETREQUIN
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Novak Djokovic capped off a phenomenal autumn by defending his ATP World Tour Finals title with an impressive 6-3, 6-4 win over Rafael Nadal in a duel between the two dominant players of the season on Monday night.

There's no doubt Djokovic is the man to beat on indoor hard courts. And just for the record, his 22 consecutive wins to finish 2013 matched top-ranked Nadal's best stretch of the year. Djokovic's winning run started after a U.S. Open final defeat to Nadal, and during a span when the Spaniard replaced him atop the rankings.

"The most positive thing that I can take from those 2 ½ is the fact that I managed to regroup after a few big losses against Nadal, especially in Roland Garros, U.S. Open final and Wimbledon final," said Djokovic, who became the seventh player to win the elite season-ending tournament at least three times.

His victory in London denied Nadal the only big trophy missing from his glittering CV.

Having produced one of the most memorable comebacks in tennis, Nadal lost in a deciding match for the second time at the tour finals and missed the chance to join Andre Agassi as the only players to have won all four Grand Slams, Olympic gold, the



Rafael Nadal of Spain sits in his chair as he waits for the presentation ceremony to begin after he lost to Novak Djokovic of Serbia during the final of the ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena in London, Monday, Nov. 11, 2013.

Davis Cup and the year-end tournament.

"It's not going to change my career, winning or losing today," Nadal said. "I am not very disappointed. I know that I was not the favorite for the match, even if I tried with the right attitude, in my opinion, fighting for every moment, trying to be positive in every moment, even if the match was not going the way that I would like."

Monday's defeat was a strong warning to Nadal, who overhauled Djokovic for the No. 1 ranking last month, that his Serbian rival will be ready to extend his form into next year's Australian Open, where he is the three-time defending champion. Djokovic has now beaten Nadal 10 times in 19 finals and is unbeaten since losing at the U.S. Open in September.

"After the US Open final, of course, I needed to take things slowly and see and analyze what I did wrong, especially in the matches against him, to understand what I need to do in order to win against him," Djokovic said. "I think the results are showing that we had a great improvement in the last 2 ½ months."

Djokovic returned superbly from the start to move his Spanish rival around the court and prevent him from dictating the points. Nadal, playing on his less favorite surface, hit only nine winners and was broken three times.

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NBA, NBPA made second donation to Philippines aid

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA and the NBA Players Association have made a second \$250,000 donation toward relief efforts in the Philippines, this time to

World Vision.

World Vision said it sent a flight Monday to Manila that included 5,000 blankets and 3,000 tarpaulins to be used to help survivors

build temporary shelters following Typhoon Haiyan, which may have left thousands dead. World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization, said there are

nearly 400,000 people affected by the disaster. The NBA has been working with the organization in various efforts in the region since 2009.

The NBA and the union made a joint \$250,000 donation to UNICEF on Sunday. Further information is available at <http://www.worldvision.org/>.

Salt Lake beats Timbers 4-2 in MLS Western finals

SANDY, Utah (AP) — Robbie Findley scored one goal and set up another as Real Salt Lake downed the Portland Timbers 4-2 in the first leg of the Major League Soccer Western Conference finals on Sunday.

Chris Schuler, Devon Sandoval and Javier Morales also scored for Salt Lake, which will take a two-goal advantage into the second leg of the series on Nov. 24th. Salt Lake scored three goals in a 15-minute stretch starting with Schuler's strike in the 35th that leveled it at 1-1.

Will Johnson opened the scoring for the Timbers in the 14th minute and Frederic Piquionne found a consolation goal in stoppage time.

Salt Lake extended its unbeaten streak over Portland to nine games. The Timbers have not beaten Salt Lake since the first meeting in the series on

April 30, 2011.

The Timbers' loss snapped a 10 game unbeaten streak, stretching back to a 4-2 loss to Salt Lake on Aug. 30.

On Johnson's opening goal, the Timbers' midfielder sent a free kick over the defensive wall and curled the ball inside the far post, denying Salt Lake goalkeeper Nick Rimando any chance to get to it in time. Schuler equalized 21 minutes later as Morales lobbed a corner high into the air toward the defender. Schuler leapt above the defense to head the ball past Portland goalkeeper Donovan Ricketts.

A defensive mistake helped Salt Lake take the lead in the 41st. Mamadou Danso made an errant back pass under pressure from Findley and Findley sprinted past Danso to collect the ball and easily flick it around Ricketts as he came off the line. □



Portland Timbers goalie Donovan Ricketts, right, dives for a save as Real Salt Lake defender Nat Borchers, left, stands by in the first half during the first leg of the MLS Western Conference final Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013, in Sandy, Utah.

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NBA Capsules

Durant scores 33, Thunder beat Wizards in OT

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Kevin Durant scored 33 points, including a tying 3 late in regulation and the go-ahead foul shot in overtime to send the Oklahoma City Thunder past the Washington Wizards 106-105 on Sunday.

John Wall missed a driving layup attempt at the buzzer for Washington, which was seeking its third straight win. Bradley Beal scored a career-high 34 points for the Wizards.

Oklahoma City trailed 92-82 with 3:26 left with the fourth quarter, but went on a 14-4 run.

Beal missed a running 12-footer at the buzzer while being closely guarded by Serge Ibaka.

In overtime, Durant blocked a shot by Wall and streaked toward the other basket. He made both free throws for a 106-105 lead with 40.7 seconds left.

TIMBERWOLVES 113, LAKERS 90

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kevin



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) goes up for a shot in front of Washington Wizards forward Nene (42) in the third quarter of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013. Oklahoma City won 106-105 in overtime.
Associated Press

Martin scored 27 points, Kevin Love had 18 of his 25 points during Minnesota's 47-point first quarter as the Timberwolves snapped a 22-game losing streak against the Los Angeles Lakers. Ricky Rubio had 12 points, 14 assists and 10 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who hadn't beaten the Lakers since March 6, 2007. Minnesota took a 28-point lead during the highest-scoring quarter in franchise history and maintained a healthy advantage all night in their first win over the Lakers at Staples Center since Dec. 2, 2005. Steve Blake scored 19 points with five 3-pointers, and Jodie Meeks added 16 for the Lakers, who have lost five of seven.

SUNS 101, PELICANS 94

PHOENIX (AP) — Eric Bledsoe scored 24 points and Markieff Morris came off the bench to score 23 as the Phoenix Suns beat the New Orleans Pelicans.

Morris shot 9 of 12, and has gone 30 for 38 from the field over his past three games

while averaging 24.7 points in that span.

Gerald Green scored 15 and Goran Dragic added 12 for the Suns, who have won four of five.

Suns coach Jeff Hornacek became the first coach in franchise history to win his first four home games.

Jason Smith scored 22 points while Jrue Holiday and Anthony Morrow each had 16 for the Pelicans.

SPURS 120, KNICKS 89

NEW YORK (AP) — Danny Green had 24 points and a career-high 10 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs pounded the New York Knicks for their fourth straight victory.

Kawhi Leonard scored 18 points and Tony Parker had 17 in a game that was close for about 3 minutes. San Antonio scored the first 10 points, led by as many as 37, and was in complete control in between.

Tim Duncan took just four shots but finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds as San Antonio shot 54 percent. □

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"If I can say about one thing that makes the difference in today's match was the serve — I didn't serve well, he served well," Nadal said. "So in this kind of court, first shot is very important, and he did that first shot much better than me."

Nadal return to the No. 1 ranking came on the back of a stunning comeback from a career-threatening knee injury. Since returning in February, the Spaniard has won 75 matches — losing only 7 — to win 10 titles including the French Open, the U.S. Open and five Masters 1000 events. But Djokovic proved again that he still has the upper hand on hard courts by extending his head-to-head winning record to 13-7 on that surface against Nadal.

"Year-end No. 1 is deservedly in Nadal's hands be-

cause he had two Grand Slam wins, the best season out of all players, the most titles," Djokovic said. "I think that's no doubt, cannot question that. I tried to put aside the calculations and the rankings after U.S. Open and just tried to focus on one tournament at a time, one day at a time. That kind of attitude has helped me to get to where I am at this moment."

Djokovic made an impressive start, hitting powerful groundstrokes to keep Nadal well behind his baseline while limiting his own mistakes. Returning well, the Serb made the most of two of Nadal's backhand errors to break in the second game.

Nadal got into the match from that point. He put Djokovic under pressure with his huge forehands in the next game and two unforced errors from the Serb allowed him to break back and then level at 3-3. But Nadal faltered in his



Novak Djokovic of Serbia holds up the ATP World Tour Finals tennis trophy as he poses for photographers after defeating Rafael Nadal of Spain at the O2 Arena in London, Monday, Nov. 11, 2013.
Associated Press

next service game as he served a double-fault at 30-30.

After a stunning exchange, Djokovic broke for 5-3 following a series of volleys at the net. Standing in the middle of the court, the Serb opened his arms and screamed as the crowd erupted in cheers.

Djokovic sealed the first set with an ace.

Appearing supremely confident, Djokovic raised his game further in the second set, pinpointing his shots on the lines to make life more difficult for Nadal after breaking in the third game of the second set.

The resilient Spaniard saved two match points and kept encouraging himself until the end, but a final forehand too long gave Djokovic the title.

Djokovic will now focus on the Davis Cup final later this week in Belgrade, where he will lead Serbia against defending champion Czech Republic. □

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Ducks extend winning streak with win over Canucks

ANAHEIM, California (AP)

— Rookie goalie Frederik Andersen won his sixth straight game to start his NHL career, making 35 saves in place of an ailing Jonas Hiller as the league-leading Anaheim Ducks extended their winning streak to five with a 3-1 victory over the Vancouver Canucks on Sunday.

NHL Capsules

Corey Perry had a goal and an assist, Nick Bonino got the go-ahead goal in the final minute of the second period and Andrew Coglianò added an empty-netter, helping Anaheim improve the NHL's best record to 15-3-1 and the best home start in franchise history to 8-0. The Ducks are the league's only undefeated team on home ice, and the first to win their first eight home games since the 2010-11 Los Angeles Kings. Anaheim's 31 points through its first 19 games eclipsed the previous club mark of 30 set in 2006-07, when the team won its only Stanley Cup title.

Ducks captain and leading scorer Ryan Getzlaf, who had his first career hat trick Friday night in a victory over Buffalo, was scratched for the first time this season because of an upper-body injury.

Tom Sestito scored his first goal of the season for the Canucks.

AVALANCHE 4, CAPITALS 1 DENVER (AP) — Semyon Varlamov stopped 33 shots and Nick Holden scored his first NHL goal to break a second-period tie, lifting Colorado over Washington.

Patrick Bordeleau, P.A. Parenteau and Gabriel Landeskog also added goals for the Avalanche, who are off to a franchise-best 14-2 start under new



Tampa Bay Lightning center Steven Stamkos is taken off the ice on a stretcher after banging into the goalpost during the second period of an NHL hockey game against the Boston Bruins in Boston Monday, Nov. 11, 2013.

coach Patrick Roy.

Before this season, the best mark through 16 games was 13-3 by the 1994-95 Quebec Nordiques.

Joel Ward had the lone goal for the Capitals as they lost for a second straight night. Alex Ovechkin thought he had a goal late in the third, but it was disallowed when replay showed he kicked it in with his left skate.

BLACKHAWKS 5, OILERS 4 CHICAGO (AP) — Marcus Kruger scored the tiebreaking goal with 8:16 left in the third period and Duncan Keith added a power-play goal 1:55 later as Chicago beat Edmonton for its third straight victory.

Kruger was alone at the edge of the crease when he took a pass from Ben Smith off the boards, turned and wrapped the puck past Devan Dubnyk to put Chicago ahead 4-3.

Keith added his first of the season on a screened shot from the point. It turned out to be the game-winner because Jordan Eberle scored short-handed for the Oilers on a deflection of Nick Schultz's point shot with 1:28 remaining.

Brandon Saad, Andrew Shaw and Bryan Bickell also scored for the Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks (12-2-4), who are 6-0-1 in their last seven games.

Edmonton also got an even-strength goal from Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and power-play scores from Nail Yakupov and David Perron, but lost its third straight and fifth in six games. Sam Gagner missed on a second-period penalty shot.

Chicago goalie Corey Crawford made 19 saves.

RANGERS 4, PANTHERS 3 NEW YORK (AP) — Brad Richards snapped a tie in the opening minute of the

third period as the surging New York Rangers handed Florida its ninth straight loss. Richards snapped a shot past goalie Tim Thomas 46 seconds in, and punched the glass in celebration of his first goal in nine games. New York then held on for its third consecutive win and sixth in seven games. Mats Zuccarello made it 4-2 at 6:16 during the Rangers' two-man power play, off a pass from Richards, and J.T. Miller and Derek Dorsett also scored for New York (9-8), which went over .500 for the first time this season. Brian Campbell scored his second of the game to cut Florida's deficit to 4-3 with 7:03 left.

Henrik Lundqvist made 24 saves, but the Rangers had their nine-game streak of holding opponents under three goals broken at nine. Aleksander Barkov had the other goal for the Panthers,

who dropped to 0-5-4 in their past nine and 0-2 under interim coach Peter Horachuk.

JETS 5, SHARKS 4, SO

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Andrew Ladd scored the tying goal with 1:43 remaining in regulation and then delivered the shootout winner to lift Winnipeg over San Jose.

Michael Frolik, Dustin Byfuglien and Grant Clitsome also scored for the Jets. Ladd had the lone goal in the tiebreaker.

Dan Boyle scored two power-play goals for San Jose, but couldn't beat Ondrej Pavelec in the shootout. Pavelec stopped Logan Couture, Tommy Wingels and Boyle.

Tomas Hertl and Wingels each had a goal for the Sharks (10-2-5), who lost in a shootout for the third time in their last four games.

Ladd tied it late in the third period on a quick shot from the left circle with Blake Wheeler screening goalie Antti Niemi.

DEVILS 5, PREDATORS 0

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP) — Jaromir Jagr scored 90 seconds into the game to become the eighth player in NHL history with 1,700 points as Martin Brodeur got his 123rd career shut-out in New Jersey's victory over Nashville.

Brodeur stopped 15 shots to improve to 4-3-2 this season with his 673rd career victory.

Jagr, who also had an assist, boosted his career totals to 686 goals and 1,015 assists. Former Pittsburgh Penguins teammate Mario Lemieux is seventh with 1,723 points — including 690 goals.

Cam Janssen scored 2:54 into the second period for the Devils (5-7-5), his second in three games. □

Rookies of the Year: Jose Fernandez and Wil Myers

NEW YORK (AP) — Jose Fernandez of the Miami Marlins and Wil Myers of the Tampa Bay Rays have been selected Major League Baseball's Rookies of the Year.

Fernandez stood out in a deep National League class, and the pitcher received 26 of 30 first-place votes from a Baseball Writers' Association of America panel in results revealed Monday. His debut season was so superb that he's one of three finalists for the NL Cy Young pitching award, with the winner to be announced Wednesday.

Myers took home the American League prize



Jose Fernandez of the Miami Marlins, left, and Wil Myers of the Tampa Bay Rays, right, have been selected baseball's Rookies of the Year.
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after putting up impressive offensive numbers in barely half a season. The right fielder was chosen first on 23 of 30 ballots, beating out Detroit shortstop Jose Iglesias and Rays teammate Chris Archer. □

Olympic gold medal won By Jesse Owens to be sold

LAGUNA NIGUEL, California (AP) — One of the four Olympic gold medals won by track and field great Jesse Owens at the 1936 Berlin Games is set to go on the auction block.

SCP Auctions says the medal could sell for upward of \$1 million in the online auction that runs from Nov. 20-Dec. 7.

Owens won gold in the 100- and 200-meters, the 400 relay and the long jump at the games attended by Adolph Hitler.

According to the Laguna Niguel-based auction house, the medal to be sold is unidentifiable to a specific event. It says Owens gave the medal to his friend, the dancer and movie star Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, as a thank you for helping Owens find work in entertainment after he returned from Berlin.

The medal is being sold by the estate of Robinson's late widow, Elaine Plaines-Robinson. SCP Auctions Vice President Dan Imler said Monday the Owens family confirmed the



medal is original; the whereabouts of the other three is unknown.

Owens was later issued a replacement set that is part of an exhibit at Ohio State, his alma mater.

Imler says the Robinson family plans to use part of the proceeds to fund college educations for their children and donate to charity.

Among other items in the auction is Boston outfielder

Shane Victorino's grand slam home run ball from last month's American League championship series that helped the Red Sox clinch a berth in the World Series. The seller is Nick Wood, a 23-year-old University of Rhode Island student.

The auction also includes items from baseball stars Jackie Robinson and Goose Gosage, and NFL quarterback Warren Moon. □



This July 21, 2012 file photo shows Travis Pastrana smiling as he speaks at a news conference at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill.

Associated Press

Travis Pastrana leaving NASCAR after season finale

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Travis Pastrana is leaving NASCAR after this weekend's season finale Nationwide Series race at Homestead.

Pastrana announced his decision Monday on his Facebook page. He cited a lack of sponsorship and frustration over his struggles in NASCAR as his reasons for leaving the sport.

Pastrana is one of the most popular action sports stars in the world and a 17-time medal winner at the X Games. He first tried NASCAR in 2011 and was scheduled to make his Nationwide debut that July until he broke his leg in an X Games accident two days before the race.

It delayed his debut until last season, when Pastrana ran nine races.

He goes into Saturday's finale ranked 14th in the standings. □

American Tucker Fredricks wins 500

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — America's Tucker Fredricks won the men's 500 meters Sunday in a World Cup speedskating event at the Olympic Oval, beating world and Olympic champion Mo Tae-bum of South Korea.

Fredricks finished in 34.46 seconds. Mo followed in 34.47.

America's Heather Richardson took the women's 1,000 in 1:13.23, beating the Netherlands' Lotte van Beek by 0.13.

The Netherlands' Sven Kramer won the 5,000 in 6:04.46.

The Netherlands also won the women's team pursuit, with van Beek teaming with Ireen Wust and Linda de Vries. □

FBI wants hacker who helped catch cheating lovers



This image provided by the FBI shows Carlos Enrique Perez-Melara. Perez-Melara, a former San Diego college student who developed an \$89 program dubbed "Loverspy" and "Email PI," is among five individuals added this week to the FBI's list of "most wanted" cybercriminals.

Associated Press

ANNE FLAHERTY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Catching a cheating lover online using commercial spyware seems to be easier than nabbing the hacker behind it. The FBI this week added to its list of most wanted cybercriminals a former San Diego college student who developed an \$89 program called "Loverspy" or "Email PI." Sold online from his apartment, the program would send the suspected cheater an electronic greeting card that, if

opened, would install malicious software that could capture emails and instant messages, even spy on someone using the victim's own webcam. Carlos Enrique Perez-Melara, 33, has eluded authorities since his July 2005 indictment. His last known whereabouts were in El Salvador, where he was born. "These are sophisticated folks who know how to hide themselves on the Internet," John Brown, a section chief with the FBI who oversees operations in the agency's cyber division,

said of Perez-Melara and creators of other "hacking-for-hire" services.

In one case earlier this year, a New York police detective was arrested for spending more than \$4,000 on hacking services to obtain the emails of more than a dozen of his colleagues. Many of the operators tend to be based overseas.

The case of Perez-Melara, 33, is noteworthy because he appears to have made relatively little money on the scheme, unlike others on the FBI list who were accused of bilking millions of dollars from businesses and Internet users worldwide. But Perez-Melara, a native of El Salvador who was in the United States on a student visa in 2003 when he sold the spyware, allegedly helped turn average computer users into sophisticated hackers who could stalk their victims.

Loverspy was designed "with stealth in mind, claiming that it would be impossible to detect by 99.9 percent of users," according to a July 2005 federal indictment of Perez-Melara. □



Three LG Electronics' G Flex smartphones are displayed during a media event at its head office in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013. The G Flex smartphone featuring a curved display and battery will go on sales in the domestic market on Nov. 12.

Associated Press

Smartphones seen tripling to 5.6 billion globally by 2019

STOCKHOLM (AP) — The number of smartphones is forecast to triple to 5.6 billion globally by 2019, accounting for more than 60 percent of cellphones.

Sweden's Ericsson AB, the world's largest maker of telecommunications networks, says in a report Monday it expects smartphone traffic to grow tenfold in the next six years, with service providers increasing high-speed networks to deal with the surge. Total mobile subscriptions are predicted to reach 9.3 billion by 2019.

Ericsson says annual smartphone traffic would hit 10 billion gigabytes by 2019, with videos representing some 50 percent of all data traffic. Social networking and web services would account for 10 percent each.

It said smartphones currently make up some 55 percent of all cellphones sold but represent only 25-30 percent of all mobile subscriptions. □

Flipboard expands into personal shopping catalogs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Personal magazine creator Flipboard is expanding into shopping catalogs just in time for the holiday shopping season.

A tool released Monday will allow Flipboard users to display their gift wish lists and highlight their favorite products in a catalog-like format. The digital catalogs include links so the products can be purchased by anyone browsing through the selections on Flipboard's

application for Apple Inc.'s iPhone and iPad, as well as mobile devices running on Google Inc.'s Android operating system.

Several merchants and websites, including Gap Inc.'s Banana Republic and eBay Inc., are distributing Flipboard catalogs.

Flipboard's expansion into electronic commerce comes seven months after the Palo Alto, Calif., startup began to allow people to put together digital maga-

zines on their favorite topics. About 4.5 million different magazines have been created on Flipboard so far, focusing on everything from people's favorite sports teams to eclectic hobbies such as collecting Mason jars.

Many of those magazines include digital ads, providing Flipboard with its main source of revenue. The more than 8,000 publishers who have teamed up with Flipboard also get a cut of

the ad revenue.

As a privately held company, Flipboard doesn't disclose its financial results. The company has raised \$110 million from venture capitalists, Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and other investors since Mike McCue and Evan Doll started Flipboard in 2010 to produce digital magazines consisting of material extracted from links shared on Facebook's social network and Twitter's online messaging service. .

Flipboard has accumulated about 90 million users so far, according to McCue. The app's popularity coupled with the pedigrees of its founders has turned Flipboard into one of the Silicon Valley's most closely watched startups.

McCue sold his last company, voice-recognition software maker TellMe Networks, to Microsoft Corp. for \$800 million in 2007. Doll is a former Apple engineer who helped design the iPhone.



Dow Jones average reaches another record high

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average rose to another all-time

among the lowest of the year, and bond markets were closed for Veterans Day. Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Ex-

also surged. Stocks have been propelled higher this year by economic stimulus from the Federal Reserve, a gradually improving

ing to leave at this point," he said.

Investors have put \$12.7 billion into U.S. stock mutual funds this year, after pulling money out of the stock market in each of the past five years, according to Investment Company Institute data.

The Dow rose 21.32 points, or 0.1 percent, to 15,783.10. The index of 30 blue-chip stocks has closed at a record 35 times this year.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 1.28 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,771.89, just 0.06 point below its own record high reached on Oct. 29. The Nasdaq composite rose 0.56 points, less than 0.1 percent, to 3,919.79.

Stocks can rise further from these levels, but the market's rate of ascent will likely slow given the big gains over the last four and a half years, said Phil Orlando, chief equity market strategist at Federated Investors. The S&P 500 is up more than 160 percent since bottoming out in March 2009.

"The easy money has been made," said Orlando. "We can continue to go higher, but that process is going to be a grind over the next couple of years."

Investors this week will look for evidence that Americans are ready to start spending for the holi-

days. Macy's, Wal-Mart, Nordstrom and Kohl's are scheduled to report their quarterly results.

About ninety percent of companies in the S&P 500 have released their third-quarter earnings, and the majority beat the expectations of Wall Street analysts, according to data from S&P Capital IQ.

Earnings are forecast to grow by 5.6 percent in the July-to-September period, compared with 4.9 percent in the second quarter and 2.4 percent in the same period a year earlier.

Investors will be closely following the Senate Banking Committee's confirmation hearing for Janet Yellen on Thursday.

Yellen has been nominated to succeed Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, becoming the first woman to lead the U.S. central bank.

Yellen's testimony "is coming at an important inflection point," for financial markets, as the Fed considers pulling back on its stimulus, said Quincy Krosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial. The Fed is currently buying \$85 billion of bonds every month and holding its benchmark interest rate close to zero to stimulate economic growth. □



Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen Jr., center, the 59th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, joins applause during opening bell ceremonies of the New York Stock Exchange, on Veteran's Day, Monday, Nov. 11, 2013.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

high on Wall Street Monday.

The market edged higher from Friday, when it got a lift from an unexpectedly strong U.S. jobs report for October. The surge in hiring made investors more optimistic that the U.S. economy is getting stronger.

Stock trading volume was

change held a moment of silence in observance of the holiday.

The Dow has advanced for five straight weeks and is up 20 percent so far this year. The last time the Dow had a bigger gain for a whole year was 2003, when it rose 25 percent.

Other major indexes have

economy and rising company earnings.

Given that the market is "up hugely" this year, investors may be hesitant to put more money into stocks, said Andres Garcia-Amaya, a global market strategist at JPMorgan Funds. "At the same time, I don't think people are go-

John Pleasants resigns as co-president of Disney Interactive

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LOS ANGELES - John Pleasants, the hard-charging co-president of Disney's video game and web division, announced his resignation Monday, effective immediately, although he will continue on as a consultant for a period.

"It was a collaborative decision to do what's right for the business at a time when we have clear momentum," Pleasants said in a telephone interview from a company retreat at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. "It's complicated to have co-presidents. It doesn't seem to make sense as a long-term strategy."

He added, "I will tell you that it's a bit of a mixed thing for me. I would have also been happy to stay on. I would be misleading you if I said I wanted to leave."

Pleasants said his original contract extended into the summer. He is expected to remain involved through January to help with transition efforts.

Disney Interactive's other co-president, Jimmy Pitaro, will take over the entire division. Installed as co-leaders in October 2010, Pitaro, based in suburban Los Angeles, has focused on Disney.com, among other online endeavors; Pleasants, based in the San Francisco area, has run games, including oversee-

ing the high-profile release of Disney Infinity, a video game and merchandising initiative that will sink or swim over the coming holiday retail period. Pleasants, known for his frenetic leadership style, joined Disney in July 2010, when the entertainment conglomerate paid \$563.2 million for Playdom, then the No. 3 social game company on Facebook. Prior to joining Playdom as chief executive, Pleasants was chief operating officer of Electronic Arts. Before that he was chief executive of Ticketmaster. Playdom has been a disappointing acquisition for Disney, in part because the once-promising social games market

started to flat line shortly after the purchase. Over the past year, the social game industry has seen no growth compared with the same period in 2012, according to analysts, while revenue from mobile games has shot up 30 percent. Playdom has also largely failed to introduce new hits, relying on older titles like Gardens of Time and Marvel: Avengers Alliance.

Disney's acquisition of Playdom included \$200 million in additional payments for meeting growth thresholds that were not made public; that appears not to have happened. Pleasants declined to comment.

Despite some struggles on the mobile games front,

Pleasants said he was proud of the mobile business he leaves behind. He said Disney Interactive was the No. 3 game publisher on Apple's app store last year, with 170 million downloads. He also pointed to mobile growth in Asia as part of his legacy, along with team efforts to successfully bring Club Penguin, an online world for children, to mobile platforms.

Disney Interactive is now on what Pleasants called "a clear path to profitability." When he took over the division with Pitaro it was losing roughly \$300 million a year. In Disney's last fiscal year, which ended Sept. 28, Disney Interactive lost \$78 million. □

BSkyB shares battered by soccer rights loss to a rival

PAN PYLAS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Shares in British Sky Broadcasting PLC took a battering Monday after rival BT PLC snatched the U.K. television rights to European Champions League soccer, Europe's top club competition. The loss of the rights, which BSKyB had shared with terrestrial broadcaster ITV PLC, represents a big blow for the satellite broadcaster as it has built its business over the past two decades largely on the back of its acquisition of sports rights. Soccer rights, in particular, are one of the main reasons why the broadcaster has seen its subscriber base rise to around 10 million. Investors are worried that BSKyB, whose biggest shareholder is Rupert Murdoch's 21st Century Fox Inc., one of the two units created following the split of News Corp., will face additional financial pressures to maintain its array of sports rights and that some subscribers may switch to BT.

BSkyB shares closed 10.9 percent lower at 829 pence, meaning around 1.5 billion pounds (\$2.4 billion) was wiped off the company's value.

"With analysts and commentators describing this as a game changer, finding reasons to own BSKyB seem harder to come by today than before," said David White, a trader at Spreadex.

This isn't the first time that BT, the former nationalized British telecommunications company that only launched its sports television channels in August, has made a foray into BSKyB's traditional domain. Earlier this year, BT bought a package of rights to the English Premier League — considered the world's most popular national soccer league — that it hopes will help it grow its broadband business. Sky, though, retains the lion's share of those rights.

BT along with public broadcaster BBC also bought the rights to England's FA Cup, the world's oldest domestic soccer competition.

BT's capture of Europe-

an soccer's Champions League from the start of the 2015-16 season, though, is a far more notable achievement and represents the most high-profile defeat for Sky since its own capture of English Premier League rights in 1992. The Champions League, won last season by Germany's Bayern Munich, features Europe's leading teams and runs alongside domestic competitions on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

"The tastiest battle going on this season is not on the football pitches or even the dugouts, but between BT and Sky as they continue to slug it out over the U.K.'s sports fans," said Alastair McCaig, market analyst at IG.

BT is paying 1.076 billion euros (\$1.44 billion) — more than double the current deal — for the three-year exclusive rights to the Champions League and the junior club tournament, the Europa League. It is the first time a single U.K. broadcaster has won exclusive live rights for each season's 350 matches from the two tournaments.

BSkyB said it thinks BT is paying "far in excess" of its own valuation for the rights.

"We take a disciplined approach and there is always a level at which we will choose to focus on something else," BSKyB said in a statement. "If we thought it was worth more, we'd have paid more."

The loss of the rights is also a blow to ITV. Champions League soccer has been a midweek staple for ITV for the best part of two decades. Unlike BSKyB, which has largely used sports rights to grow its subscriber base, ITV has benefited from the premium advertising income that the Champions League provided.

ITV shares faltered too Monday, ending 1.6 percent lower at 187 pence.

Although there were concerns among some of BT's shareholders over the amount it is splashing out, investors appear to be giving the company the benefit of the doubt — BT shares were up 0.5 percent at 374 pence. □

Transocean agrees to Icahn deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil driller Transocean has agreed to a deal with billionaire investor Carl Icahn after a months-long proxy fight.

The company said Monday that it has agreed to support a dividend of \$3 per share and reduce the size of its board. It is also looking to boost margins

staffers. Merksamer was elected to Transocean's board at its 2013 annual meeting.

The company also agreed to reduce its board to 11 directors from 14. It previously proposed trimming the board's size at its 2011 annual meeting but it didn't meet the quorum

Transocean said that as part of the deal with Icahn, the Icahn Group has agreed to vote in favor of the company's board nominees and certain other proposals it may recommend at the 2014 meeting. In May Transocean's shareholders voted out Chairman J. Michael Talbert. He



A member of the press takes photographs of a company logo at the headquarters of the offshore drilling company Transocean in Steinhausen, Switzerland. Oil driller Transocean has agreed to a deal with billionaire investor Carl Icahn after a months-long proxy fight.

(AP Photo/Sigi Tischler)

by \$800 million through cost-cutting efforts and other measures. The stock climbed in premarket trading.

Icahn, a minority shareholder in Transocean Ltd., had previously pushed for a \$4 per share dividend but Transocean's shareholders rejected it. Icahn, known for shaking up companies in which he invests, had also wanted several board changes.

Transocean Ltd. said it agreed to support the re-election of Samuel Merksamer and election of Vincent Intrieri, both Icahn

requirements and the proposal wasn't voted on. Transocean said if the quorum requirement isn't met at the 2014 meeting, it plans to leave three board seats vacant.

Transocean said it will also pursue converting the company to a master limited partnership, saying that move could provide more financial flexibility. It anticipates an initial public offering of a master limited partnership being completed around the middle of next year. The offering needs the approval of Transocean's board.

had been Transocean's CEO from 1994 to 2002 and served three terms as chairman before his ouster. Transocean, based in Switzerland, owned the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig which exploded and sank in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, triggering a massive offshore oil spill. The company agreed to a \$1.4 billion settlement with the Justice Department for its role in the disaster.

Transocean's stock added \$1.18, or 2.2 percent, to \$54.63 in trading about three hours before the market open. □

Unicredit suffers trading knock in Q3

MILAN (AP) — Unicredit SpA, Italy's largest bank by assets, says its third-quarter profits dropped 39 percent largely on the back of falls in its interest income and profits from its trading activities.

The bank reported net profit of 204 million euros (\$273 million) in the quarter

compared with 335 million euros during the same period of 2012. Revenues were down 8.5 percent to 5.7 billion euros.

The bank said operations in central Europe, particularly Poland, drove profits, while the bank continued its focus on containing costs. Its loan loss provisions

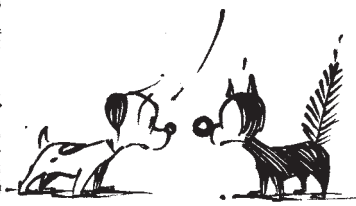
dropped 10.6 percent to 1.6 billion euros. The bank's Core Tier 1 ratio, a measure of health, was 11.71 percent, above European requirements.

CEO Federico Ghizzoni said it was "important," Unicredit had maintained a profit "in a particularly challenging third quarter." □

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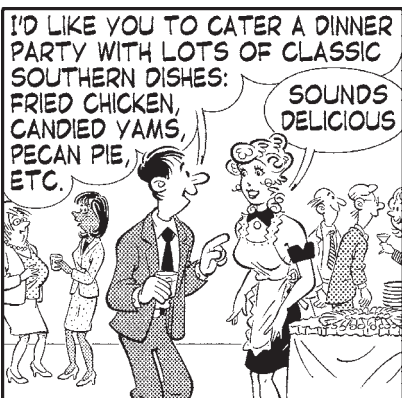
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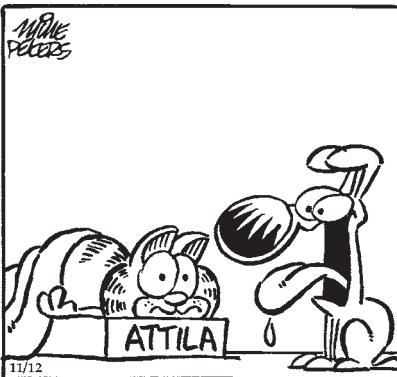
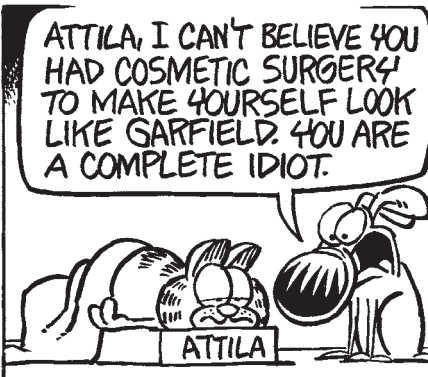
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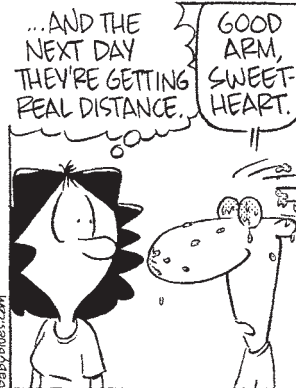
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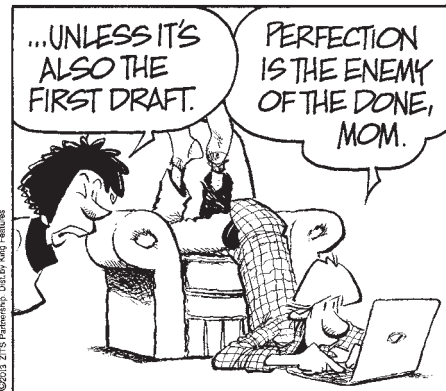
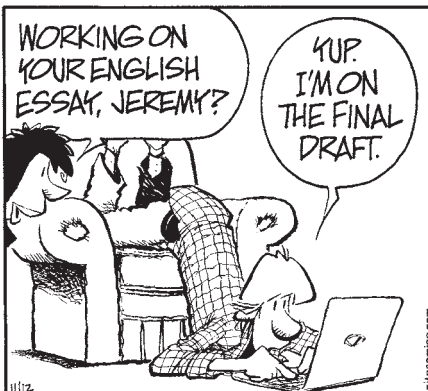
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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer	2	7	4	8	5	6	9	1	3
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- 5 Puts on guard
- 10 ___ dunk; sure thing
- 14 Wheel rod
- 15 Assumed name
- 16 Fish used in a casserole
- 17 5,280 feet
- 18 Classic doll
- 20 Sault __, Marie
- 21 Auction offers
- 22 Make laugh
- 23 Like roasted marshmallows
- 25 Inventor __ Whitney
- 26 Tastiness
- 28 Sparkling
- 31 External
- 32 Too loose, as pants
- 34 And not
- 36 Actor Ken __
- 37 Desert refuges
- 38 Poet Teasdale
- 39 Singing couple
- 40 Juvenile delinquents
- 41 Back tooth
- 42 "You __, you lose"
- 44 Mutilate
- 45 Winnie the Pooh's little pal
- 46 Spree
- 47 Purple shade
- 50 Male children
- 51 Jacuzzi
- 54 Mathematics
- 57 Competed
- 58 Misplace
- 59 Get up
- 60 ___ tea; cold drink
- 61 Crawling bugs
- 62 Challenged
- 63 Deadly snakes

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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Gathering more data faster to produce more information

QUENTIN HARDY

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SAN FRANCISCO - David Soloff is recruiting an army of "hyperdata" collectors. The company he co-founded, Premise, created a smartphone application now used by 700 people in 25 developing countries. Using guidance from Soloff and his co-workers, these people, mostly college students and homemakers, photograph food and goods in public markets. By analyzing the photos of prices and the placement of everyday items like piles of tomatoes and bottles of shampoo and matching that to other data, Premise is building a real-time inflation index to sell to companies and Wall Street traders, who are hungry for insightful data.

"Within five years, I'd like to have 3,000 or 4,000 people doing this," said Soloff, who is also Premise's chief executive. "It's a useful global inflation monitor, a way of looking at food security, or a way a manufacturer can judge what kind of shelf space he is getting."

Collecting data from all sorts of odd places and analyzing it much faster than was possible even a couple of years ago has become one of the hottest areas of the technology industry. The idea is simple: With all that processing power and a little creativity, researchers should be able to find novel patterns and relationships among different kinds of information. For the last few years, insiders have been calling this sort of analysis Big Data. Now Big Data is evolving, becoming more "hyper" and including all sorts of sources. Startups like Premise and ClearStory Data, as well as larger companies like General Electric, are getting into the act.

A picture of a pile of tomatoes in Asia may not lead anyone to a great conclusion other than how tasty those tomatoes may or may not look. But connect pictures of food piles around the world to weather forecasts and rainfall totals and you have meaningful information

that people like stockbrokers or buyers for grocery chains could use.

And the faster that happens, the better, so people can make smart - and quick - decisions.

"Hyperdata comes to you

Big Data systems is to collect seemingly unconnected information like today's heat and cloud cover, and a hometown team's victory over the weekend, compare that with past weather and sports out-



A new smartphone application uses real time information from a number of different and more varied sources to analyze economic trends.

(James Best Jr./The New York Times)

on the spot, and you can analyze it and act on it on the spot," said Bernt Wahl, an industry fellow at the Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology at the University of California, Berkeley. "It will be in regular business soon, with everyone predicting and acting the way Amazon instantaneously changes its prices around."

Standard statistics might project next summer's ice cream sales. The aim of people working on newer

comes, and figure out how much mint chip ice cream mothers would buy today. At least, that is the hope, and there are early signs it could work. Premise claims to have spotted broad national inflation in India months ahead of the government by looking at onion prices in a couple of markets.

The photographers working for Premise are recruited by country managers, and they receive 8 to 10 cents a picture. Premise

also gathers time and location information from the phones, plus a few notes on things like whether the market was crowded. The real insight comes from knowing how to mix it all together, quickly.

Price data from the photos gets blended with prices Premise receives from 30,000 websites. The company then builds national inflation indexes and price maps for markets in places like Kolkata, India; Shanghai; and Rio de Janeiro.

Premise's subscribers include Wall Street hedge funds and Procter & Gamble, a company known for using lots of data. None of them would comment for this article. Subscriptions to the service range from \$1,500 to more than \$15,000 a month, though there is also a version that offers free data to schools and nonprofit groups. □

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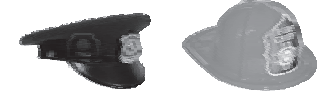
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Experts: Man, nature share typhoon tragedy blame

Survivors move past the damage caused by Typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban city, Leyte province, central Philippines on Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. The typhoon-ravaged Philippine islands faced an unimaginably huge relief effort that had barely begun Monday, as bloated bodies lay uncollected and uncounted in the streets and survivors pleaded for food, water and medicine. Associated Press

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists say nature and man together cooked up the disaster that has devastated parts of the Philippines. Typhoon Haiyan smacked the island nation with fierce winds and a deadly storm surge. The Philippines sit in the middle of the world's most storm-prone region,

which gets some of the biggest typhoons because of vast expanses of warm water that act as fuel. But meteorologists say humans played a big role in this disaster — probably bigger than nature's. Factors in the unfolding tragedy include poverty and a tremendous growth in population, much of it in vulnerable coastal areas with poor construction. □

Satellite hits Atlantic _ but what about next one?

DAVID RISING
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — This time it splashed down in the Atlantic Ocean — but what about next time?

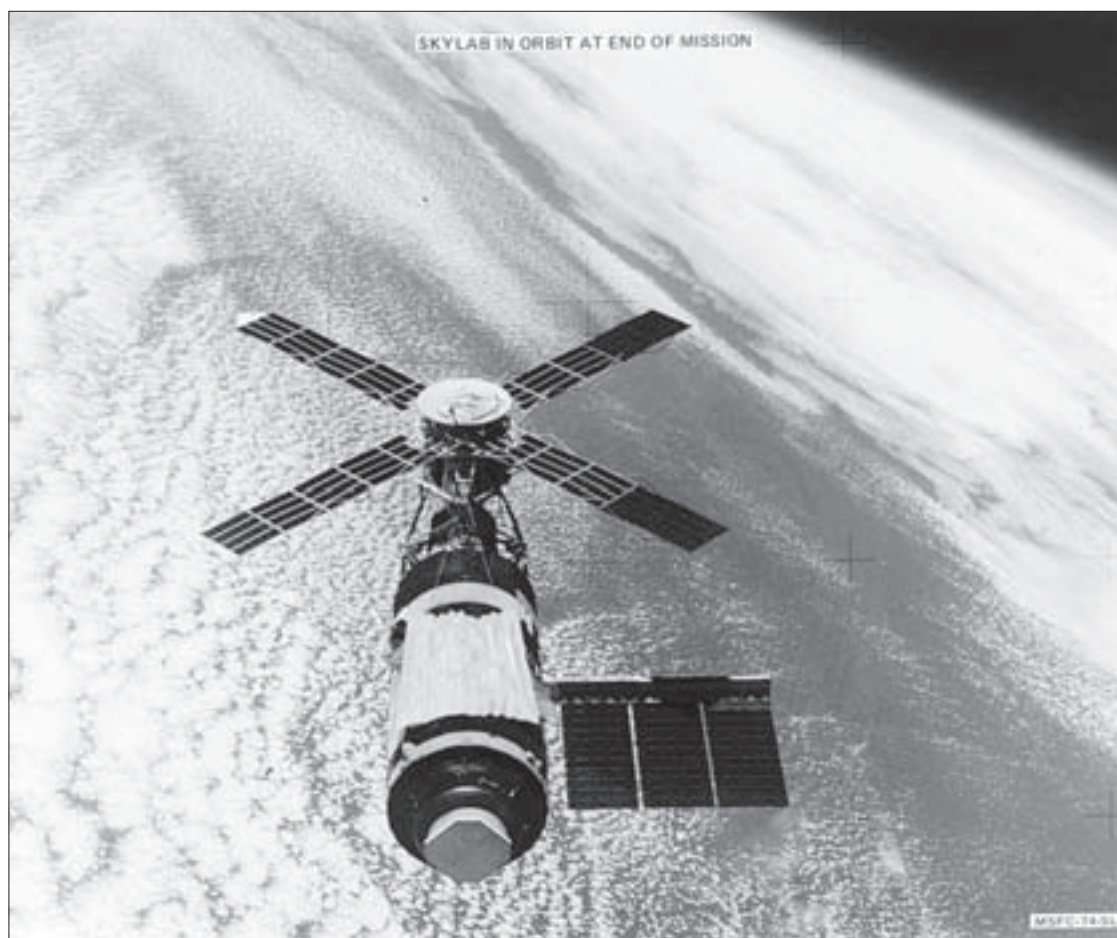
The European Space Agency says one of its research satellites re-entered the Earth's atmosphere early Monday on an orbit that passed over Siberia, the western Pacific Ocean, the eastern Indian Ocean and Antarctica.

The 1,100-kilogram (2,425-pound) satellite disintegrated in the atmosphere but about 25 percent of it — about 275 kilograms (600 pounds) of "space junk" — slammed into the Atlantic between Antarctica and South America, a few hundred kilometers (miles) from the Falkland Islands, ESA said. It caused no known damage.

The satellite — called the GOCE, for Gravity field and Ocean Circulation Explorer — was launched in 2009 to map the Earth's gravitational field. The information is being used to understand ocean circulation, sea levels, ice dynamics and the Earth's interior. The satellite had been gradually descending in orbit over the last three weeks after running out of fuel Oct. 21.

But how much space junk is out there? Here's a look: **SPACE JUNK FLYING AROUND THE COSMOS**

Some 6,600 satellites have been launched. Some 3,600 remain in space but only about 1,000 are still operational, according to



This is a 1979 file image of Skylab, at the end of its mission in 1979 when it crashed back to Earth. Skylab was the first United States manned space station, and was launched on May 14, 1973. NASA's Skylab was one of the best-known of a falling satellite, which re-entered in 1979. About 74 metric tons (82 tons) hit the Earth — some of it in Australia and the rest falling into the Indian Ocean. Associated Press

ESA. Not all are still intact, and the U.S. Space Surveillance Network tracks some 23,000 space objects, ESA said. A lot of junk comes down unnoticed, said ESA Space Debris Office deputy head Holger Krag. Statistically, he said, "roughly every week you have a re-entry like GOCE."

AND WHEN IT STARTS TO FALL

About 100 to 150 metric tons (110 to 165 tons) of space junk re-enters Earth's atmosphere each year, according to Heiner Klinkrad, the head of ESA's Space

Debris Office. In 56 years of spaceflight, a total of 15,000 metric tons (16,500 tons) of human-made space objects have re-entered the atmosphere. **HOW FAST ARE WE TALKING?**

Space junk — mostly satellites and rocket stages or fragments — typically travels at about 28,000 km/h (17,400 mph) shortly before re-entry at about 120 kilometers (75 miles) above the earth, according to ESA. It starts to slow down and heat up in the dense atmosphere. In the last 10

minutes, it hits a travelling speed roughly equal to that of a Formula One racing car — between 200 kph to 300 kph (125 mph to 190 mph).

HOW DANGEROUS IS SPACE JUNK?

There have been no known human injuries or significant property damage caused by space junk, according to ESA. Unlike meteorites, which hurl into the Earth as solid chunks travelling about three times faster, space junk typically falls as fragments and is distributed over a fallout zone up to

1,000 kilometers (600 miles) long. Krag says fragments from a satellite came down in 2011 over the Netherlands, Germany and the Czech Republic but no pieces were ever found. **CAN'T WE REDIRECT THIS STUFF?**

When systems are still functioning, spacecraft can be maneuvered to try and direct them to land in areas where there would be minimal impact, like into an ocean. In the case of uncontrolled re-entries, scientists are able to predict where the impact will be — but that can be a very wide swath. The GOCE satellite's systems kept on working much longer than expected, providing data that Krag said will be invaluable in helping scientists figure out prediction models for future space junk descents.

MOST FAMOUS SPACE JUNK CRASHES

One of the best-known cases is NASA's Skylab space station, which re-entered in 1979. About 74 metric tons (82 tons) hit the Earth — some of it in Australia and the rest falling into the Indian Ocean. Fragments of Russia's Mir space station weighing about 135 metric tons (149 tons) came down in 2001 in a controlled dive into the Pacific Ocean. More recently, in 2011, NASA's UARS satellite crashed into the Pacific and Germany's ROSAT satellite landed in the Bay of Bengal.

None caused any damage. □

MTV and Major League Baseball announce partnership

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NEW YORK (AP) — As if winning the World Series MVP wasn't enough, Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz is becoming a producer of his own MTV television show.

MTV Networks and Major League Baseball said Monday they are collaborating on a weekly 30-episode series that melds pop culture and baseball. Ortiz and Pittsburgh Pirates All-Star outfielder Andrew McCutchen are both executive producers of the series, set to begin next spring around the start of the new season.

The untitled series will likely air on MTV2, which tends to have a higher proportion of male viewers than its sister station. It will be shot at the MLB Fan Cave, a facility built at an abandoned



In this Oct. 30, 2013 file photo, Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz adjusts his goggles after the Boston Red Sox defeated the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 6 of baseball's World Series in Boston.

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Tower Records store in Manhattan that has fan features, interactive elements and occasional pop music concerts.

MTV had expressed interest in Ortiz after seeing a fan cave feature depicting him walking through enemy territory in New York

asking Yankee fans for a hug, said Tim Brosnan, MLB executive vice president for business.

The fan cave hosts visits from Major League players. In its archive of video segments are ones featuring McCutchen doing a Tom Cruise impersonation, Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano visiting a sick fan and a prank involving pitchers David Price and James Shields.

When MTV heard Ortiz described as the musical director of the Red Sox clubhouse, it was sold, said Stephen Friedman, MTV president. "That's gold for us," he said.

Ortiz has done more things

for the fan cave than pretty much any player, Brosnan said. One of the biggest roles for him and McCutchen will be to encourage other players to get involved. Ortiz suggested that shouldn't be difficult.

"Players want to be musicians and musicians want to be players," he said. "So it's going to be pretty easy to get my friends in baseball to have fun on MTV."

Friedman said MTV viewers have plenty of interest in athletes; its old series "Cribs" frequently featured tours of over-the-top homes owned by pro sports figures.

"We're always looking for ways to connect our audience with the stars they revere and want a closer connection to," he said.

The show might discuss some things that are happening on the field, but that's not really the main purpose. Like the fan cave, the big idea is to promote the game and its players with a young generation, Brosnan said.

"Like any other business, cultivating new fans and customers is, was and always will be an imperative for baseball," he said.

MTV and baseball have also agreed to look for ways to spread content throughout other MTV shows and platforms, but no details are available on that yet. □

Robert Redford honored for contributions to Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

— Utah's governor and other top officials have honored Robert Redford for his on-camera and off-camera contributions to the state as owner of the Sundance ski resort and founder of the Sundance Film Festival and Sundance Institute.

Some 500 people, including U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch and Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker, attended the Saturday night event billed as "The Governor's Salute to Robert Redford: A Utah Tribute to an American Icon."

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert praised the 77-year-old Redford for his celebrated movie career. Some of Redford's movies, including "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and "Jeremiah Johnson," were filmed in Utah.

"I think we take him for granted," the governor said. "He's been here for so long, and he's been so successful. It's really quite remarkable, and yet he calls Utah home. I'm appreciative of that. I think Utah is a better place

because Robert Redford does call Utah home."

Redford noted that he and elected officials in the audience, many of them on the opposite end of the political spectrum from him, share common ground.

"Whatever differences may exist, we can all come together and agree on one thing, and that's our love of this state and our country and the people," the environmental activist said.

The sold-out, \$200-a-plate gala featured a Native American dance and invocation, singing by Tony-winning actress Audra McDonald and a video presentation highlighting Redford's cultural and economic contributions to Utah.

James Redford hailed his father's passion for Utah, saying it has been passed down to the actor-director's children and grandchildren.

"The love he has for Utah is visceral, it's primal, and it's deeply personal," James Redford said. "We all live in different places, but Utah



Jamie Redford laughs as he tells funny stories about his father, Robert Redford. Robert Redford was recognized and honored by Governor Gary Herbert at a gala in his honor Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013.

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will always be our deep home."

Herbert said it was no easy task to get Redford to accept the recognition.

"I've been trying to do it for about three years," he said. "(He) likes his privacy so he's been a little reluctant to let us honor him, but I've been working hard and I think I wore him down."

Redford told the crowd, "I think it makes me shy, to be honest." □

Film group backs antipiracy curriculum for school children

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When it comes to learning about the evils of Internet piracy, Hollywood studios and the major music labels want kids to start young.

A nonprofit group called the Center for Copyright Information has commissioned a school curriculum to teach American school children about the value of copyrights.

The Los Angeles Times reports the nonprofit is backed by the Motion Picture Association of America, the Recording Industry

Association of America and others.

The curriculum, still in draft stage, includes lesson plans, videos and activities for teachers and parents to help educate students about the "importance of being creative and protecting creativity."

Some critics say the curriculum would promote a biased agenda. Others contend it would use up valuable classroom time when public schools are already struggling to teach the basics. □

Angela Lansbury: Mistake to recycle 'Murder, She Wrote'

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Angela Lansbury says "it's a mistake" for NBC to call a new series "Murder, She Wrote."

The network recently announced plans to reboot the show with Oscar-winner Octavia Spencer as its star. Spencer acknowledged her new TV project on Twitter last month.

Lansbury, who will accept an honorary Academy Award later this week, said "Murder, She Wrote" was her "greatest doorway to the world."

"I suddenly became a worldwide-known character as Jessica Fletcher and really built an enormous audience, which I have to this day," the 88-year-old said in a weekend telephone interview from her New York home. "That was the thing that really made me a star in the minds of everybody."

Lansbury had three Oscar nominations and four Tony Awards when she joined the CBS drama, which aired from 1984 to 1996, earning her 12 consecutive Emmy nominations and international acclaim.

She's sensitive about the



In this Jan. 7, 2013 file photo, actress Angela Lansbury poses for photos in Sydney, Australia. The 88-year-old actress says "it's a mistake" for NBC to call a new show "Murder, She Wrote." Lansbury said she's a fan of Octavia Spencer, who is set to star in a rebooted version of the hit TV show, saying, "I wish her well, but I wish it wasn't in 'Murder, She Wrote.'"

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show's reinvention.

"I think it's a mistake to call it 'Murder, She Wrote,'" Lansbury said, "because 'Murder, She Wrote' will always be about a Cabot Cove and this wonderful little group of people who told those lovely stories and enjoyed a piece of that place, and also enjoyed Jessica Fletcher, who is a rare and very individual kind of person ...

"So I'm sorry that they have to use the title 'Murder, She

Wrote,' even though they have access to it and it's their right."

Lansbury said she admires Spencer's work.

"I saw her in 'The Help' and thought she was absolutely wonderful, a lovely actress," Lansbury said. "So I wish her well, but I wish it wasn't in 'Murder, She Wrote.'"

Representatives for Spencer didn't respond to an email from the AP seeking comment. □

ITV announces 5th series of 'Downton Abbey'

LONDON (AP) — Fans of "Downton Abbey," rejoice! There will be another season yet of period romance and upstairs-downstairs drama at the country estate.

ITV announced Sunday that it has commissioned a fifth season of the popular television show, a costume drama about a British aristocratic family and their servants in the 1910s and 1920s. As before, the new series will be written by Julian Fellowes.

ITV said the fourth season's holiday special, shown in Britain on Christmas Day, will feature Paul Giamatti,



This undated file publicity image provided by PBS shows Hugh Bonneville as Lord Grantham, left, and Jim Carter as Mr. Carson from the popular series "Downton Abbey." The fourth season of "Downton Abbey" will debut Sunday, Jan 5, 2014.

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who joins the cast as Cora's playboy brother, Harold, and Shirley MacLaine, who will reprise her role as Cora's mother Martha

Levinson.

The show, which debuted in 2010, has won millions of fans in Britain, the U.S. and beyond. □



This Sept. 13, 2013 photo released by ABC shows co-host Amy Robach during a broadcast of "Good Morning America," in New York. A month after undergoing a mammogram on "Good Morning America," ABC's Amy Robach said Monday, Nov. 11, she has breast cancer and will have a double mastectomy and reconstructive surgery this week.

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ABC's Amy Robach to have double mastectomy

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NEW YORK (AP) — A month after undergoing a mammogram on "Good Morning America,"

ABC's Amy Robach said Monday she has breast cancer and will have a double mastectomy and reconstructive surgery this week.

The 40-year-old correspondent admitted she had been reluctant to have the public mammogram but went ahead after "GMA" anchor Robin Roberts told her that if the story saved one life, it would be worth it.

"It never occurred to me that life would be mine," she said.

Robach joined ABC in 2012 from NBC, where she was a "Weekend Today" host. She logged considerable time with the cast of ABC's top-rated morning show, filling in for Roberts, who has fought back from a serious blood and bone marrow disease.

Producers chose her for the mammogram story because, at 40, she's at the age when it's recommended that women regularly

check for breast cancer. Married with two children and a full-time job, Robach said she had found plenty of reasons to put it off.

In her original story, she emerged from her mammogram telling Roberts and her "GMA" colleagues that it hurt much less than she thought it would.

A few weeks later, she returned for what she thought would be some follow-up images only to learn she had cancer.

Her husband, who had been away on business, and her parents flew in that night "and we started gearing up for a fight."

She said she will learn after Thursday's surgery what her treatment will entail going forward.

Robach said she was told that when someone gets cancer, many lives around them are saved because people are vigilant and get check-ups.

"I can only hope my story will do the same and inspire every woman who hears it to get a mammogram, to take a self-exam," she said. "No excuses. It is the difference between life and death." □

The Mutilated Economy



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Five years and 11 months have now passed since the U.S. economy entered recession. Officially, that recession ended in the middle of 2009, but nobody would argue that we've had anything like a full recovery. Official unemployment remains high, and it would be much higher if so many people hadn't dropped out of the labor force. Long-term unemployment - the number of people who have been out of work for six months or more - is four times what it was before the recession.

These dry numbers translate into millions of human tragedies - homes lost, careers destroyed, young people who can't get their lives started. And many people have pleaded all along for policies that put job creation front and center. Their pleas have, however, been drowned out by the voices of conventional prudence. We can't spend more money on jobs, say these voices, because that would mean more debt. We can't even hire unemployed workers and put idle savings to work building roads, tunnels, schools. Never mind the short run, we have to think about the future! The bitter irony, then, is that it turns out that by failing to address unemployment, we have, in fact, been sacrificing the future, too. What passes these days for sound policy is in fact a form of economic self-mutilation, which will cripple America for many years to come. Or so say researchers from the Federal Reserve, and I'm sorry to say that I believe them.

I'm actually writing this from the big research conference held each year by the International Monetary Fund. The theme of this year's shindig is the causes and consequences of economic crises, and the presentations range in subject from the good (Latin America's surprising stability in recent years) to the bad (the ongoing crisis in Europe). It's pretty clear, however, that the blockbuster paper of the conference will be one that focuses on the truly ugly: the evidence that by tolerating high unemployment we have inflicted huge damage on our long-run prospects.

How so? According to the paper (with the unassuming title "Aggregate Supply in the United States: Recent Developments and Implications for the Conduct of Monetary Policy"), our seemingly endless slump has done long-term damage

through multiple channels. The long-term unemployed eventually come to be seen as unemployable; business investment lags thanks to weak sales; new businesses don't get started; and existing businesses skimp on research and development.

What's more, the authors - one of whom is the Federal Reserve Board's director of research and statistics, so we're not talking about obscure academics - put a number to these effects, and it's terrifying. They suggest that economic weakness has already reduced America's economic potential by around 7 percent, which means that it makes us poorer to the tune of more than \$1 trillion a year. And we're not talking about just one year's losses, we're talking about long-term damage: \$1 trillion a year for multiple years. That estimate is the end product of some complex data-crunching, and you can quibble with the details. Hey, maybe we're only losing \$800 billion a year. But the evidence is overwhelming that by failing to respond effectively to mass unemployment - by not even making unemployment a major policy priority - we've done ourselves immense long-term damage.

And it is, as I said, a bitter irony, because one main reason we've done so little about unemployment is the preaching of deficit scolds, who have wrapped themselves in the mantle of long-run responsibility - which they have managed to get identified in the public mind almost entirely with holding down government debt. This never made sense even in its own terms. As some of us have tried to explain, debt, while it can pose problems, doesn't make the nation poorer, because it's money we owe to ourselves.

Anyone who talks about how we're borrowing from our children just hasn't done the math. True, debt can indirectly make us poorer if deficits drive up interest rates and thereby discourage productive investment. But that hasn't been happening. Instead, investment is low because of the economy's weakness.

And one of the main things keeping the economy weak is the depressing effect of cutbacks in public spending - especially, by the way, cuts in public investment - all justified in the name of protecting the future from the wildly exaggerated threat of excessive debt.

Is there any chance of reversing this damage? The Fed researchers are pessimistic, and, once again, I fear that they're probably right. America will probably spend decades paying for the mistaken priorities of the past few years.

It's really a terrible story: a tale of self-inflicted harm, made all the worse because it was done in the name of responsibility. And the damage continues as we speak. □



Missing The Bad Old Days



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It's been a tough week. Let's take a break and discuss the catfish inspection program.

There was a time when I had no strong feelings about this subject, but that was before the 2012 election, when we learned that Rep. Paul Ryan's favorite sport was "noodling," which involves walking along the river and grabbing catfish by their throats. "You get your hand inside the fish, so they kind of, they come up on your hand," the soon-to-be-vice-presidential candidate told The New York Times. "Then you just squeeze wherever you are on that fish and pull it out. I know it sounds a little crazy, but it's really exhilarating." Don't you miss that election? Back then, we had Mitt Romney's dog on the car roof. Now we have Barack Obama's website on the fritz.

Anyway, catfish have seemed a lot more interesting since then. And they're currently a big issue in Congress, where the House and Senate are trying to put together a joint farm bill. It is very important that they get this done, because otherwise, at the end of the year, the country will revert to Depression-era agriculture laws and we all fall over the dairy cliff. I am not saying another word about this because I know you're suffering from cliff fatigue. Just don't plan for any events in early 2014 that involve purchasing a lot of ice cream.

One of the differences between the House and Senate versions

of the farm bill involves a special catfish inspection office in the Agriculture Department, which Congress created in 2008. The office, which is supposed to check imported catfish to make sure they're safe to eat, has yet to start up, although it's already cost us \$20 million.

Meanwhile, the Food and Drug Administration has been inspecting the catfish, as it does with all imported seafood. The FDA catfish inspections cost about \$700,000 a year. The Agriculture Department plans to spend about \$14 million.

The House wants to get rid of the office. The Senate wants to keep it, under the theory that tougher inspections mean safer catfish. But, honestly, if that was the real reason, don't you think the Senate would be insisting that other seafood get the Agriculture Department treatment, too? Shrimp lovers, unite!

(The catfish industry and its supporters say catfish are different because they're raised on farms rather than harvested from open waters. Unless, of course, you go out and grab one by the throat.)

"We know this isn't about food safety. It's about helping the catfish industry in Mississippi and other states in the South," said Sen. Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire. Shaheen, a Democrat, has been allied with Republican John McCain in a crusade against the new inspection office.

"This is the kind of program that makes the public cynical about government," she said.

Shaheen and McCain failed utterly in their attempts to amend the Senate farm bill to get rid of the dueling catfish inspections. This is perhaps because the Senate leadership has refused to allow a vote on the matter. We have no official word on why, but all eyes have wandered in the direction of Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi, the senior Republican on the Senate Ag-

riculture Committee. A state where catfish are so important that Mississippi State has a research facility to study them. Which is named the Thad Cochran National Warmwater Aquaculture Center.

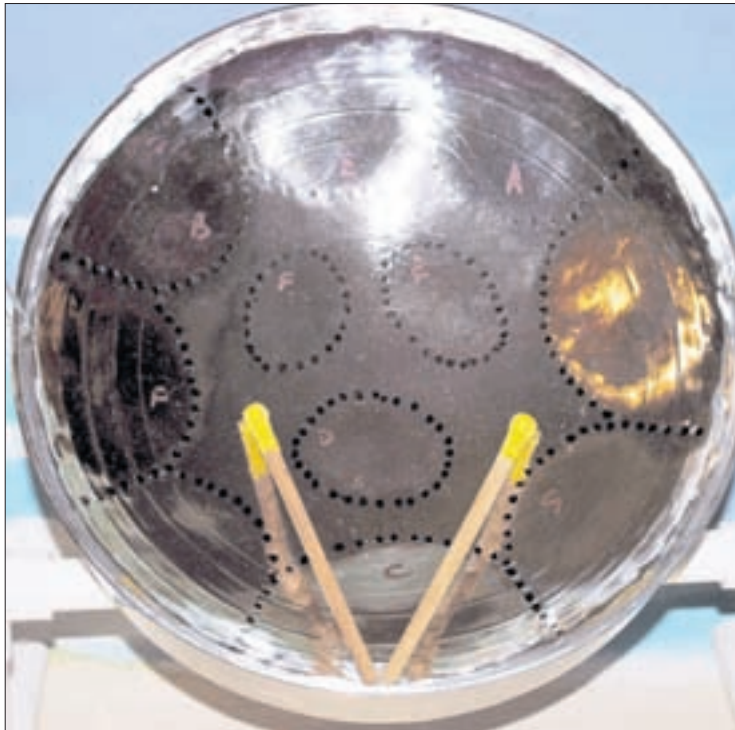
See, this is what I like about the farm bill. The agriculture parts harken back to the golden era when Republicans and Democrats could work together to promote stupid ideas that benefited the special interests in their districts. And then go out and get inebriated in bipartisan drinking sessions. Now everybody is in the gym and then shutting down the government. Or trying to eliminate food stamps. By far the biggest argument between the House and Senate on the farm bill is about the food stamp program, which the House Republicans want to slash by \$39 billion, mainly through new screening programs to guarantee that every single recipient is working, drug-free, needy and in general totally and completely worthy of government assistance. Even if that means inadvertently emptying a lot of deserving cupboards along the way.

This would be in the same bill that includes crop insurance subsidies that make no attempt whatsoever to screen out the undeserving rich. "Some of them are guys who farm in four or five states, in 20 different counties, growing five or six different crops. These are some of the most successful businesses in the country," said Scott Faber of the Environmental Working Group, which recently released a report on the number of billionaires who received farm subsidies since 1995 (about 50).

There was a time when we dreamed about a Congress in which the members voted on principle. Did not imagine the principle would involve figuring out new ways to funnel more federal money to the people who need it least. □

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